

Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Topic/Issue	Purpose of scrutinising this issue & Source	Timing/ Approach
1. Forthcoming Committee Meetings – confirmed items		
<i>Draft Education and Skills Strategy</i>	<i>Policy Development:</i> To consider the draft Education and Skills Strategy that will replace the current School Effectiveness Strategy in 2022. Committee to consider the priorities and key themes emerging following stakeholder input and to provide any comments or feedback prior to formal consultation. (Will include implications of Schools White Paper) Link to current School Effectiveness Strategy	12 July 2022 (virtual meeting)
Performance and Resources Report -Q4 2021-22	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	
Performance and Resources Report -Q1 2022-23	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	28 September 2022
Performance and Resources Report – Q2 2022-23	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	16 November 2022
TBC		18 January 2023
<i>Early Help Service – review of new model</i>	<i>Performance Monitoring</i> – to assess the impact of the first year of implementation of the new Early Help Model. What is working well, is it achieving what it set out to do and any areas for improvement (implemented January 2022) and to include a review of the financial impact (revenue and capital).	1 March 2023
Performance and Resources Report – Q3 2022-23	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	

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2. CYPSSC –Confirmed items for timetabling		
Children First Improvement Programme Annual Review	Performance Monitoring: To provide an annual overview on the improvement journey for Committee to assess the progress that is being made and how outcomes are being met.	June 2023
Sufficiency of Placements for Children we Care For	Policy Development: To assess the mix and numbers for placements and the policies the County Council is working to; and whether the right strategies are in place to provide the best outcomes for children we care for.	TBC
Family Safeguarding Model	Performance Monitoring – to assess the impact and performance of the first year of implementation of the Family Safeguarding Model (implemented February 2022)	Spring/Summer 2023
School Readiness	Performance Monitoring - Raised at CYPSSC on 12 January 2022 – to assess if the ongoing work with schools and early years settings is improving school readiness.	TBC
3. Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under 'Items for Future Scrutiny').		
Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People	Service Development – to assess the provisions and plans in place to support young people’s mental health and emotional wellbeing and any areas of influence. <i>NB: A written briefing for members was provided on 10.2.22. A wider briefing for all members is being developed following the request at Full Council on 1 April 2022 as well as Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) data being provided to HASC from the NHS. A member briefing on CAMHS by the NHS is also being explored.</i>	<i>Following the member briefing and data being provided, the Committee will explore, with HASC if there are any areas for scrutiny.</i>
Children’s Services Partnership Working	Performance Monitoring: To assess the effectiveness of Children’s Social Care’s partnership arrangements, particularly with schools.	<i>BPG to consider details to identify if this is an area where scrutiny could add value.</i>

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Final Education and Skills Strategy	Pre Decision Scrutiny – to review the final Education and Skills Strategy following consultation and prior to Cabinet endorsement. (Draft Strategy being reviewed by Committee on 12 July 2022)	<i>Autumn 2022 (if scrutiny is required)</i>
Elective Home Education (EHE)	Performance Monitoring – to assess the County Council’s approach to elective home education. Impact of Covid-19 on EHE also to be considered.	To remain on work programme as further governance guidance is still awaited. Will assess once this guidance has been released to determine if there are areas for scrutiny.
Skills Agenda	To consider the Chamber of Commerce Pan-Sussex Skills Plan and whether there are any areas for scrutiny and how this could be done (recognising it could expand beyond the CYPSSC remit). (Source: BPG & Work Programme Planning member session)	<i>Draft report to be shared with Committee members when available to determine if there are any areas to add to the work programme for scrutiny.</i>
West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report	Performance Monitoring – to consider the successes and areas of improvement for the partnership and to identify any areas for future scrutiny.	Annual Report to be circulated to Committee members when published (Summer 2022) and BPG to consider if there are any areas within the report to add to the work programme.
Business Planning Group – to monitor		
School Placements	Policy Development: <i>To monitor the impact of any reduced birth rates on demand for school places, particularly small schools or rural areas and the impact this has on secondary schools.</i>	<i>BPG to be kept updated and to consider if there are any areas for scrutiny in the future.</i>

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Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups		
Needs Assessments and EHCPs –Process, Practice and Delivery	Service Development – To explore the process, criteria and practice of Education Health and Care Needs Assessments and Education and Health Care Plans. To review whether the County Council is providing a consistent approach and delivery to West Sussex Children and Families and to identify any potential areas of improvement.	<i>Evidence gathering pre work being carried out by Cllr Linehan and Cllr Mercer to explore where a TFG could influence and add value. Work expected to conclude in Summer 2022 so next steps can be determined.</i>
Visits/Briefings to support scrutiny		
Visits	BPG to consider any visits that may be beneficial to support scrutiny of future items – e.g. visit to a Family Hub	
Briefings	BPG to consider any information briefings that would be beneficial to support future scrutiny.	