

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		
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
Budget Proposals	Pre-decision Scrutiny: To scrutinise any proposals arising through the budget process.	
Education and Learning Strategy 2022 – 2025	Pre-decision Scrutiny: to scrutinise the proposed Education and Learning Strategy ahead of it being implemented in January 2023. Will include report from Education and Learning Scrutiny TFG which will consider the draft strategy in October 2022.	18 January 2023
Early Help Service – review of new model	Performance Monitoring – 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). (<i>Source: CYPSSC July 2021</i>)	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).	
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 (<i>Source: BPG 9 May 2022</i>).	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	TBC

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	whether the right strategies are in place to provide the best outcomes for children we care for.	
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)	Summer 2023
School Readiness	Performance Monitoring - to assess if the ongoing work with schools and early years settings is improving school readiness (raised at CYPSSC on 12 January 2022)	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.	The Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee is setting up a scrutiny Task and Finish Group. The Terms of Reference are being developed and will be presented to the November meeting of HASC for agreement. CYPSSC members will be involved in the development and be invited to be members of the TFG.
Children’s Services Partnership Working	Performance Monitoring: To assess the effectiveness of Children’s Social Care’s partnership arrangements, particularly with schools.	BPG to consider details to identify if this is an area where scrutiny could add value.
Elective Home Education (EHE)	Performance Monitoring – to assess the County Council’s approach to elective home education. Impact of Covid-19 on EHE	To remain on work programme as further governance guidance is

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	also to be considered as well as the implications of the recently published Schools White Paper.	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). <i>(Source: BPG & Work Programme Planning member session)</i>	Draft report shared with Committee members to determine if there are any areas to add to the work programme for scrutiny.
West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2021-22	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 and BPG to consider if there are any areas within the report to add to the work programme.
Youth Justice Action Plan	Performance Monitoring: To consider the progress made on the Youth Justice Action plan following the Inspection in Spring 2022 <i>(Source: Full Council 15 July 2022).</i>	BPG to consider at meeting in October 2022 and whether to add to the work programme for future scrutiny.
Business Planning Group – to monitor		
School Placements	Policy Development: 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>(Source: BPG 9 May 2022).</i>	BPG to be kept updated and to consider if there are any areas that require scrutiny.
Social Worker Recruitment and retention	Performance Monitoring - To monitor the impact of the recruitment and retention initiatives in increasing the permanent social worker workforce <i>(Source: CYPSSC on 8 June 2022).</i>	BPG to receive an update at October 2022 meeting and consider if there are

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		any areas that require scrutiny
SEND and Inclusion Strategy updates.	Policy Development – To scrutinise any proposed changes or amendments to the SEND and Inclusion Strategy as a result of the outcomes of the SEND Green Paper (<i>Source: CYPSSC 12 July 2022</i>).	BPG to monitor this and schedule scrutiny should any changes be proposed.
Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups		
Education and Learning Strategy 2022 - 2025	Policy Development – To input and influence into the draft Education and Learning Strategy ahead of a final strategy being considered by the scrutiny Committee in January 2023(<i>Source: CYPSSC 12 July 2022</i>)	Confirmed - One off TFG meeting on 6 October 2022 to consider the draft Strategy ahead of Consultation and Engagement.
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>Source: CYPSSC BPG</i>)	On Hold – an item on the SEND and Inclusion Strategy and EHCP performance to be considered by Committee on 28 September, from which any further areas for scrutiny or focus for a TFG to be identified.
Visits/Briefings to support scrutiny		