

Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

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1. Forthcoming Committee Meetings – confirmed items		
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).	1 March 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 (implemented January 2022). What is working well, is it achieving what it set out to do and any areas for improvement. To also include a review of the financial impact (revenue and capital). (<i>Source: CYPSSC July 2021</i>)	7 June 2023
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)	13 September 2023
Performance and Resources Report – Q1 2023-24	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	13 September 2023
Performance and Resources Report – Q2 2023-24	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	15 November 2023
TBC		17 January 2024
Performance and Resources Report – Q3 2023-24	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	28 February 2024

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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. To include outcome of full Ofsted inspection and next steps (<i>Source: BPG 9 May 2022</i>).	TBC – will confirm timing once outcome of full Ofsted inspection is known.
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 – any areas for scrutiny to be considered following Member Briefing on residential services on 7 December 2022.
School Readiness	Performance Monitoring - to assess if the ongoing work with schools and early years settings is improving school readiness (<i>Source: CYPSSC 12 January 2022</i>)	TBC – BPG to review potential timing as part of scrutiny of implementation of Education and Learning Strategy.
Young Carers	Performance Monitoring: to assess the County Council’s responsibilities for young carers, the impacts being a young carer has on young people and how these are being addressed (<i>Source: CYPSSC Pre Meeting 26 September 2022</i>)	TBC
3. Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under ‘Items for Future Scrutiny’).		
Care Leavers	Performance Monitoring – To assess the support and provision provided for Care Leavers. (<i>Source: CYPSSC on 28 September 2022</i>)	BPG obtaining further information to establish if this is an item 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

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		within the report to add to the work programme.
MASH/Integrated Front Door	Performance Monitoring – To consider the performance of the MASH and impact of the introduction of the Integrated Front Door. <i>(Source: BPG 18 October 2022)</i>	BPG to consider in more detail on if this item requires scrutiny.
Youth Justice Action Plan	Performance Monitoring: To consider the progress made on the Youth Justice Action plan that was implemented following the Inspection of the service in Spring 2022 with a particular focus on the 6 recommendations from Ofsted <i>(Source: Full Council 15 July 2022)</i> .	BPG to consider update on progress on 1 February to confirm if wish to add to Committee work programme.
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 on specific proposals 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 will continue to monitor progress to identify if there is anything to add to the work Programme.
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.
Lessons Learnt from inquests	Performance Monitoring – To scrutinise the lessons learnt and action plans following recent inquests, including if services are configured appropriately and if response to actions are sufficient to address any identified issues. This could include a focus on transitions. <i>(Source: CYPSSC 28 September 2022)</i>	BPG to have an update once inquests are complete to consider any potential areas for scrutiny.

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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 as well as the implications of the Schools White Paper (currently paused for Policy Review).	BPG to monitor as part of the implementation of Education and Learning Strategy.
Skills Strategy	Policy Development – to input and influence the development of a Skills Strategy. (<i>Source: BPG & Work Programme Planning member session Spring 2022</i>). An Executive TFG is being established as agreed at Full Council on 16 December 2022. Members will be kept updated on the progress of this, including any opportunities for involvement. Any scrutiny of the Strategy will be considered at the appropriate time.	TBC
Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups		
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. A TFG is being set up (led by HASC). The scope for the TFG will be discussed by HASC on 11 January 2023, and the ToR agreed by its BPG. The TFG will include representation from CYPSSC.	In Development – Scope of TFG to be discussed at HASC on 11 January 2023
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>)	Complete - One off TFG met on 6 October 2022 to consider the draft Strategy ahead of Consultation and Engagement to develop the strategy workstreams.
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	On Hold – an item on the SEND and Inclusion Strategy and EHCP performance was considered by Committee

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	Sussex Children and Families and to identify any potential areas of improvement. (<i>Source: CYPSSC BPG</i>)	on 28 September. BPG to monitor the responses and progress on the recommendations made to consider if any further scrutiny is required.
Visits/Briefings to support scrutiny		
Briefing: Children's Residential Homes	All member briefing on Children's Residential Homes and Placement challenges (<i>Source: CYPSSC 28 September 2022</i>)	Complete - 7 December 2022 1.30pm – 3pm