

Children and Young People’s Services Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme

Topic/Issue	Purpose of scrutinising this issue & Source	Timing/ Approach
Forthcoming Committee Meetings		
Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Business Planning Group Members		25 June 2025
Educational Attainment	Performance Monitoring – To scrutinise the impact of the action being taken to improve attainment levels at Key Stage 2 and for disadvantaged children (performance measures 27 and 29 in Council Plan). (<i>Source: CYPSSC 7 June 2023, CYPSSC BPG 9 February 2024</i>)	
Performance and Resources Report – Q4 2024-25	Performance Monitoring - To assess the performance and finance position relating to Children and Young People’s Services (to be done quarterly).	
SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2025 - 2030	Key Decision Preview – To scrutinise the draft SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2025-2030	10 September 2025
Performance and Resources Report – Q1 2025-26	Performance Monitoring - To assess the performance and finance position relating to Children and Young People’s Services (to be done quarterly).	
Child and Adolescent Multi-Disciplinary Psychological service (CHAMPS)	Performance Monitoring – To scrutinise the progress and impact of the service for children and young people since the service was insourced in December 2023. (<i>Source: CYPSSC BPG 9 February 2024</i>)	26 November 2025

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Performance and Resources Report – Q2 2025-26	Performance Monitoring - To assess the performance and finance position relating to Children and Young People’s Services (to be done quarterly).	
Scrutiny of any Budgetary Implications	Budget/Finance Planning – To scrutinise any budgetary implications being proposed within the remit of this Committee.	
		14 January 2026
Performance and Resources Report – Q3 2025-26	Performance Monitoring - To assess the performance and finance position relating to Children and Young People’s Services (to be done quarterly).	26 February 2026
Items for timetabling		
Youth Strategy	Policy Development – To assess the draft strategy for youth services within the county and the offer to young people. <i>(Source: CYPSSC BPG 3 May 2024)</i>	To be scheduled in post September 2025 once timings of work are confirmed.
SEND Improvement Plan – Focus TBC	Performance Monitoring - To assess the progress of the SEND Improvement Plan (a particular area of focus of the plan to be identified). <i>(Source: CYPSSC 15 November 2023)</i>	Item at each committee meeting- areas of focus for each meeting to be identified
SEND Improvement Plan – Pathways to Independence	Performance Monitoring – To scrutinise the work being progressed to strengthen the approach to preparation for adulthood (Area of Improvement 5)	BPG to be updated on progress of work to determine the appropriate time for scrutiny to add value.

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Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under 'Items for Future Scrutiny').		
Education Transformation Programme	Policy Development – To assess the delivery and progress of the Education Transformation Programme in delivering improved outcomes for children and young people (<i>Source: CYPSSC BPG 9 February 2024</i>)	BPG to consider any focus areas where scrutiny could add value.
Holiday Activity Fund	Performance Monitoring - To assess the impact and delivery of the Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) (<i>Source: CYPSSC BPG 4 October 2024</i>)	BPG to assess against other priorities to determine if it is something for scrutiny
Impact of Academisation	Policy Development - To assess the overall impact of the academisation of schools on the County Council, and how this impact is being managed (to include resource and financial implications) (<i>Source: CYPSSC BPG 4 October 2024</i>)	BPG to assess against other priorities to determine if it is something for scrutiny.
Review of Early Years and Childcare Strategy 2024 - 2027	Performance Monitoring – To assess the impact and delivery of the Right from the Start Early Years and Childcare Strategy 2024 - 2027(<i>Source: CYPSSC 15 January 2025</i>)	TBC
Review of Adult Learning Service	Performance Monitoring – suggested to consider having a periodic (Annual) update to the Committee on the impact and performance of the Adult Learning Service. (<i>Source – CYPSSC 15 January 2025</i>)	TBC
School Place Planning	Policy Development – To assess the County Council’s work to plan the appropriate level of school places across the county (<i>Source – CYPSSC BPG 30 January 2025</i>)	Work is in early stages – BPG to review at next meeting to assess if it is something where scrutiny can add value

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SEND Sufficiency Plan	Performance Monitoring - To assess the County Council's progress and development of the SEND Sufficiency Plan (<i>Source: CYPSSC 20 November 2024</i>)	BPG to receive an update at their next meeting to consider if further scrutiny is required
Review of Child Exploitation and Missing Children Service	Performance Monitoring – To scrutinise the progress and impact of the Child Exploitation and Missing Children Service. (<i>Source: Corporate Parenting Panel 6 February 2025</i>)	BPG to consider for potential item for future scrutiny
CYPSSC Task and Finish Groups		
Area SEND Inspection report – response of the NHS partners	Performance Monitoring – To scrutinise the response or the NHS partners to the Area SEND Inspection report. (<i>Source: CYPSSC 12 June 2024</i>)	Met on 9 October 2024. Outcomes reported to 20 November CYPSSC and 27 November HASC.