

# Children and Young People's Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel

## Work Plan – June 2019

This Panel will consider issues of significant public concern, areas of poor performance, and areas where members think the Council could provide better value for money

### 1. CURRENT WORK

Area for investigation	What does the topic include?	Why should panel consider?	How should panel proceed?	Timescale
<b>School Organisation Scrutiny Steering Group</b>	<p>1. In-depth investigations of proposed school changes</p> <p>2. Pupil Projections – methodology as applied generally and in particular in respect of new builds, including affordable housing</p> <p>3. Admission Arrangements</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The School Organisation Group is a standing sub-group of the CYPS Policy and Scrutiny Panel and not a task and finish scrutiny working group.</p>	<p>Corporate Aim: Promoting lifelong learning opportunities</p> <p>Key issues for the public</p> <p>New National Code</p> <p>To include Education Transformation (see below)</p>	<p>Steering Group: <i>Membership TBC</i></p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b> - to meet as required.</p> <p>Regular reporting to Panel</p>
<b>Education Transformation</b>	<p>To review the potential impact and respond to the proposals as initially outlined in the Government's White Paper Educational Excellence Everywhere, and school funding proposals</p>	<p>To assess the impact the proposals may have in North Somerset and make recommendations as appropriate</p>	<p><del>Steering Group Members:</del> <i>See above</i></p>	<p><del><b>Ongoing</b> –</del> <del>Correspondence with North Somerset MPs</del></p> <p><del>Response submitted to DfE consultation</del></p> <p>Ongoing review of developments</p>

<p><b>In-house Foster Carers (to focus on specific service area for review and improvement)</b></p>	<p>Task and Finish Group to identify  a) how best to recruit foster carers  b) how to provide incentive for them to remain</p> <p>Foster Carer Strategy Review</p>	<p>North Somerset is experiencing a particular pressure in recruiting and retaining sufficient numbers of in-house foster carers.</p>	<p>Working Group Members:</p>	<p><b>Concluded</b></p>
<p><b>Child Sexual Exploitation Steering Group</b></p>	<p>To engage with the review of current policies and procedures in line with national guidance and legislation</p>	<p>Timely review, as per previous recommendations of the previous CSE Working Group</p>	<p>Working Group Members:</p>	<p><b>Concluded</b>  Added to section 5</p>
<p><b>Young People and Democracy Project</b></p>	<p>To support the project to help students learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the basics of local and national politics;</li> <li>• the importance of having a vote;</li> <li>• how to influence decisions in NS that will affect them;</li> <li>• how to be involved in their local community and to understand how our democracy works</li> </ul>	<p>Relevant and topical project</p>	<p>All Councillor engagement</p> <p>Lead Officer:  Alun Davies,  Policy and Strategy Development Officer,  People and Communities</p>	<p>Potential link to Democracy Week and work with Weston College</p>

<p><b>NSC support for children with special education needs (SEND) Working Group</b></p>	<p>In response to questions raised by Members. Matters to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• transition to Education Health Care Plans (ECHP);</li> <li>• review of specialist and alternative provision;</li> <li>• importance of working together with schools (such as Out of School Panel);</li> <li>• short, medium and longer-term proposals.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home to School Transport Policy review</li> </ul>	<p>Matters raised by Members</p> <p>Increases in demand on the service</p> <p>Service delivery in view of financial pressures</p> <p>Consideration of the findings of the recent inspection of services for children with special educational needs and /or disabilities</p>	<p>Working Group:</p>	<p>Report to Panel October 2018 and January 2019</p> <p>Home to School Transport – joint with SPED 22/01/2019</p>
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## 2. ISSUES AWAITING RESPONSE FROM EXECUTIVE

Area for investigation	Date recommendations were agreed	Expect answer by (first panel meeting two months after recommendations were agreed)

### 3. PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Panel Recommendation	Date of Executive's response	Executive actions – implementation progress

### 4. FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE

Area for investigation	What does the topic include?	Why should panel consider?	How should panel proceed?	Timescale
Children looked after in residential care	Understanding the needs of our children in residential care and whether we can provide a better way of meeting their needs	Reduction in demand and preventative services are key areas in keeping spending at a minimum	Task and Finish Group	To be brought forward for consideration on the completion of one of the Panel's existing work commitments

### 5. PERFORMANCE MONITORING / ONGOING ISSUES

Item	Dates
<b>Performance and Finance Monitor</b>	Report to each Panel meeting, to focus on relevant key areas throughout the year
<b>Child Sexual Exploitation</b>	Monitor and review following conclusion of working group
<b>High Impact Families (Troubled Families) Programme</b>	Joint monitoring of Phase 2 with ASH Panel members – latest engagement September 2018
<b>Social Impact Bonds</b>	Implementation monitor following key decision on award of contract taken in 2016 Progress on implementation session held December 2018. Briefing session for to be held in Autumn 2019

<b>Adoption West – implemented April 2019</b>	Progress on implementation approximately 12 months after commencement (to Panel meeting in March 2020)
<b>Transforming Children and Young People’s Mental Health: Green Paper consultation</b>	Agreed response from a group of North Somerset Councillors to the Green Paper consultation Continued monitoring and engagement as the consultation progresses Government response circulated to Councillors September 2018 Awaiting White Paper
<b>Ofsted Inspection – Action Plan</b>	To review progress of the Ofsted Action Plan. CYPS session held on 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 – invitation extended to all Councillors Subsequent Ofsted focused visit for single inspection framework – to review both action plans simultaneously

**~~Notes – Reports on the following matters submitted to the Panel 2019/20~~**

~~Report to each Panel meeting from Assistant Executive Member~~

~~Annual Report from Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (all Councillors invited) to be abolished September 2019~~