

Children and Young People's Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel

Work Plan – October 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
<p>School Organisation Scrutiny Steering Group</p>	<p>1. In-depth investigations of proposed school changes 2. Pupil Projections – methodology as applied generally and in particular in respect of new builds, including affordable housing 3. Admission Arrangements</p> <p>Note: 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 Membership: Wendy Griggs, Ciaran Cronnelly, Mark Crosby</p>	<p>Ongoing - to meet as required.</p> <p>Regular reporting to Panel</p> <p>School Organisation Scrutiny Steering Group Briefing to all Members on Decision Making Process for School Expansions – 19 September 2019</p> <p>16 December 2019 – SEND school provision expansion, and home schooling</p>

<p>In-house Foster Carers (to focus on specific service area for review and improvement)</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>	
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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

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5. PERFORMANCE MONITORING / ONGOING ISSUES

Item	Dates
Performance and Finance Monitor	Report to each Panel meeting, to focus on relevant key areas throughout the year
Child Sexual Exploitation	Monitor and review following conclusion of working group
High Impact Families (Troubled Families) Programme	Joint monitoring of Phase 2 with ASH Panel members
Intersection of Looked after Children, Child Sexual Exploitation, & High Impact Families	Informal Briefing held for Members 7 October 2019

<p>Social Impact Bonds</p>	<p>Implementation monitor following key decision on award of contract taken in 2016 Progress on implementation session held December 2018. Briefing session for Panel 24 October 2019</p>
<p>Adoption West – implemented April 2019</p>	<p>Progress on implementation approximately 12 months after commencement (to Panel meeting in March 2020)</p>
<p>Transforming Children and Young People’s Mental Health: Green Paper consultation</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Ofsted Inspection – Action Plan</p>	<p>To review progress of the Ofsted Action Plan. CYPS session held on 17th July 2018 – invitation extended to all Councillors Subsequent Ofsted focused visit for single inspection framework – to review both action plans simultaneously</p>