

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

## Work Plan – March 2020

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><b>School Organisation Scrutiny Steering Group</b></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><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 Membership:            Wendy Griggs,            Ciaran Cronnelly,            Mark Crosby</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b> - 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><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>	
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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
<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
<b>Intersection of Looked after Children, Child Sexual Exploitation, &amp; High Impact Families</b>	Informal Briefing held for Members 7 October 2019

<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 Panel 24 October 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