

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

## Work Plan – October 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 the Panel Consider?	How Should the 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,            Ciarán Cronnelly,            Mark Crosby</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b> - to meet as required.</p> <p>Regular reporting to Panel</p> <p>Last meeting of the School Organisation Scrutiny Steering Group held on 10 June 2020</p> <p>Agenda:</p> <p>1. Review of progress to date in delivery of the Education Provision in North Somerset – A Commissioning Strategy 2018 – 2021 (including an update on</p>

				<p>live projects and their delivery.</p> <p>2. Consider the priorities for the 2021-24 Plan (including commissioning strategy link for discussion about the next plan.</p> <p>3. Receive an update on schools partial opening within the Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p><b>Next scheduled meeting: 11.00 am Thursday 26 November 2020 (agenda to be confirmed)</b></p>
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**2 ISSUES AWAITING RESPONSE FROM EXECUTIVE**

<b>Areas for Investigation/Recommendation</b>	<b>Expect answer by (first Panel meeting 2 months after recommendations were agreed)</b>
None	

### 3 PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

<b>Issues Awaiting Response from Executive</b>	<b>Issues Awaiting Response from Executive</b>
None	

### 4 PERFORMANCE MONITORING / ONGOING ISSUES

<b>Item</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Performance Monitoring</b>	As reviewed in line with the refreshed Corporate Plan and KPI dashboard – to be reported to Panel by exception
<b>Children’s Services Budget Monitor</b>	Forecast spend against budget for Children’s Services highlighting key variances, movement and contextual information making reference to principles and outcomes associated with the setting of the Budget.
<b>Annual Directorate Statements (ADS)</b>	<p>Each year the Directorates within North Somerset produce an Annual Directorate Statement translating the commitments in North Somerset’s Corporate Plan into a series of Directorate level commitments.</p> <p>On an annual basis, the Panel to decide which, if any, of the People and Communities commitments for Children’s Services should be subject of further detailed reports at future meetings.</p>

<b>0-19 Public Health Nursing Procurement Workshop</b>	Joint Briefing Session with CYPS and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (HOSP) – November 2020 (to be confirmed) to provide the Panels with an opportunity to inform the service specification.
<b>SEND Action Plan Briefing for All Members</b>	Autumn 2020 (date to be confirmed)
<b>Home to School Transport</b>	Briefing Session for Panel Members (to be confirmed)
<p><b>Ofsted Inspection – Children’s Improvement Plan</b></p> <p><b>CYPS Panel Sub Group Membership:</b>          Cllrs Wendy Griggs, Steve Hogg, Lisa Pilgrim, Huw James, Nicola Holland, Stuart McQuillan</p>	<p>Following the publication of the Ofsted report in June 2020 and its presentation to the last Children and Young People Policy and Scrutiny Panel, it was agreed that a sub-group would be set up to scrutinise the Action Plan that was required to be submitted to Ofsted by 17 September 2020.</p> <p>The sub-group had sight of the report and met to provide their comments/views to officers on 1 September 2020.</p> <p>Reports on Scrutiny of the Children’s Services Improvement Plan and Key priorities for our Children’s Services Improvement Plan were submitted to the Panel meeting on 29 October 2020.</p> <p>(NB Previous report to CYPS Panel on 18 June 2020 on outcome of 2020 inspection - North Somerset Children’s Services was inspected by Ofsted under the Inspection of Local Authority Children’s Services (ILACS) Framework, between 24 February and 12 March 2020.  <a href="https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80528">reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80528</a>)</p>

<b>Adoption West – implemented April 2019</b>	Panel to receive updates on progress of implementation
<b>Education Commissioning Strategy</b>	Regular updates to Panel and School Organisation Scrutiny Steering Group
<b>Draft Childcare Sufficiency Assessment</b>	Panel receives updates (next report scheduled for Panel Meeting 11 March 2021)
<b>North Somerset Fostering Strategy 2020/21</b>	Panel receives updates on progress
<b>Independent Safeguarding and Reviewing Officers' (ISROS') Annual Report</b>	Panel receives annual reports
<b>Turning the Tide Edge of Care Service</b>	Panel receives updates on progress
<b>Safeguarding Children Partnership arrangements</b>	Panel receives updates
<b>Recruitment of Added Members</b>	Ongoing

## **5. FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE**

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<b>Youth Services/Youth Engagement</b>				

