

Children and Young People's Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme June 2022

(to be updated following each Panel meeting)

The 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. This is a "live" document and is subject to change as priorities or circumstances change.

1(A) ACTIVE PROJECTS (i.e. within the current Municipal Year) – limited ideally to two items at any one time

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Method of scrutiny and reporting process	Timeline	Progress since Last Panel meeting	Contact
-------	---------------------	--	----------	-----------------------------------	---------

<p>CYPS Working Group – Careleavers Not in Education, Employment or Training</p>	<p>This group involves building on the work with partners around North Somerset Care Leavers who are not in education, employment or training</p>	<p>The Working Group focusses on understanding the barriers along with the opportunities. The Group to construct an appreciative enquiry sort of approach, bringing in the learning from across council services as well as partner agencies and the Corporate Parenting Panel</p>	<p>Members – Wendy Griggs, Ann Harley, Caroline Cherry, Ruth Jacobs</p> <p>Officers – Paul Johnson, Wendy Packer, Bethany Swan, Jaida Aldred</p>	<p>Meetings since the last CYPS Panel (10 March 2022):</p> <p><u>Thursday 17 March 2022</u></p> <p>Members were provided with informative data on North Somerset Care Leavers</p> <p>It was agreed that in order to aid understanding of the issues the working group members be provided with:-</p> <p>Data and descriptors for those young people who are pregnant or disabled in accessing education, training and employment;</p> <p>2021 year end data of care leavers who were NEET (not in Education, Employment or Training) who are education/work ready aged 19-21</p> <p>Qualitative data on what worked (including RREBBOT data)</p>	
--	---	--	--	--	--

				<p>Details of the South West region survey in relation to care leavers</p> <p><u>Thursday 28 April 2022</u></p> <p>A discussion took place on:</p> <p>Information on the various opportunities available to young people in North Somerset.</p> <p>Local and national picture on availabilities and opportunities.</p> <p>Constraints in offers from education and business.</p> <p>Barriers to organisations assisting in delivering these opportunities.</p> <p>Best practice examples from other local authorities who are making successful improvements in this area.</p>	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				<p>Members to consider avenues that can be taken to help further develop these opportunities</p> <p><u>Thursday 9 June 2022</u></p> <p>To focus on the Young person's Voice</p> <p>Members to receive a few 'case studies' of the experiences of some young people who are now NEET, what led them to this situation, what were the barriers to them. Could the Young Director (BS) talk to some and bring this first-hand experience back to the panel?</p> <p>Encourage some young people to engage with members</p>	
--	--	--	--	---	--

<p>CYPS Working Group - Accelerated Progress Plan (APP)</p>	<p>The working group to identify and recommend further effective delivery of the Council SEND Improvement plan in relation to the experiences of Parents and Carers.</p>	<p>Scrutinise parents and carers experiences with SEND services in North Somerset and their partners.</p>	<p>Members: Wendy Griggs, Ann Harley, Caroline Cherry, Ruth Jacobs</p> <p>Representative from the parents Carers forum to be invited as appropriate Representatives from Partner agencies to be invited as appropriate Parents/ carers will be invited to contribute</p> <p>Officers Pip Hesketh Other officers who work in the SEND arena to be invited as appropriate</p>	<p><u>Thursday 24 March 2022</u></p> <p>The value of a range of methods to access feedback from parents and carers was discussed including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Carer Survey • Accessing Co-ordinators in schools, • Children’s centres • Newsletter • Website • Distribution of a list of ‘Top 5’ questions each month to families via Family Wellbeing ECHP Portal. <p>It was agreed to liaise with headteachers to arrange a visit to meet with parents and children with SEND to discuss their experiences (5 May 2022)</p>	
---	--	---	---	--	--

				<p><u>Wednesday 1 June 2022</u></p> <p>Feedback from meeting with parents and children with SEND</p> <p><u>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 July 2022</u></p> <p>Analysis of responses . consideration of elements of the APP which relate to parents/ carers experiences</p>	
--	--	--	--	---	--

<p>Joint CAMHS (CYPS/ HOSP) Working Group</p>	<p>1. To understand the parity of funding issues for children's mental health services across North Somerset (when compared with South Gloucestershire and Bristol) 2. To understand the CAMHS access issues and to engage with the plan to redesign the referral pathway</p>	<p>Working Group: CYPS Councillors: Ciarán Cronnelly Wendy Griggs, Caroline Cherry, Huw James, Ann Harley, Ruth Jacobs, Steve Hogg, HOSP Councillor: Sandra Hearne NHS representatives North Somerset Parent Carers Working Group Representatives from Head of Youth Justice, Youth Offending and Prevention Services, Service Leader Resource Service, Head of Service, Family Support & Safeguarding, Health Improvement Advanced Specialist, Public Health, Scrutiny Support officers</p>	<p>Varied, depending on work strand</p>	<p>Update report to CYPS Panel meeting 16 June 2022</p>	<p>Cllr Ciarán Cronnelly</p>
<p>CYPS Working Group – Front Door</p>	<p>The CYPS Panel already had a Task and Finish Group looking at the Front Door (Children's Improvement Focus Group) which linked to the Ofsted</p>	<p>Focus Group members: Councillors Wendy Griggs, Caroline Cherry, Steve Hogg, Lisa Pilgrim, Huw James, Nicola Holland</p>	<p>Varied, depending on work strand</p>	<p><u>Thursday 7 April 2022</u> Receive data/ information from the many partner agencies that use the Front</p>	

	<p>Improvement Plan – while members had envisaged being able to talk with parents about how the service had improved since the re-alignment work, it was agreed that the better way of triangulating what was being reported about how well the improvements were landing would be for the Task and Finish Group to hear from partner agency representatives</p>	<p>Officers: Becky Hopkins, Dawn Newton</p>		<p>Door. Presentation on a number of cases studies showing the different pathways into the Front Door and beyond</p> <p><u>Date of Next meeting:</u> <u>Thursday 30 June 2022:</u></p> <p>Gain the voice of service users eg schools children centres, social workers, police Families</p>	
--	--	---	--	--	--

School Organisation Scrutiny Steering Group	<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>Steering 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>Varied, depending on work strand</p> <p>Ongoing - to meet as required.</p> <p>Regular reporting to Panel</p>		Cllr Wendy Griggs/ Sally Varley
---	---	--	--	--	---------------------------------

1(B) SCHEDULED PROJECTS (i.e. projects identified in the Strategic Work Plan that: may continue after the completion of the above or may be phased for commencement beyond the current Municipal Year). There is also the potential for these to be re-prioritised and escalated to 1(A) above for immediate action.

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Method of scrutiny and reporting process	Timeline	Contact
Draft Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	The Childcare Act 2006 (Sections 6, 8-11 &13) require local authorities to assess the	Reports to Panel		Jenie Eastman

	local childcare market and to secure sufficient childcare for working parents. Childcare will only be deemed sufficient if it meets the needs of the community in general and in particular those families on lower incomes and those with disabled children. The term childcare includes provision for under 5's and for out of school care for 5 to 11-year olds.			
Adoption West – Implemented April 2019		Panel receives reports on progress of implementation		Shelley Caldwell
Education Commissioning Strategy	Section 14 of the Education Act 1996 provides Local Authorities (LAs) with a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient schools for primary and secondary education in their areas.	Regular updates to Panel and School Organisation Scrutiny Steering Group		Sally Varley
North Somerset Fostering Strategy		Panel receives updates on progress		
Independent Safeguarding and Reviewing Officers' (ISROS') Annual Report		Panel receives annual reports		

Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements		Panel receives updates		
Turning the Tide Edge of Care Service		Panel receives updates on progress		
Children's Services Budget Monitor	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	Regular Reports to Panel		Katherine Sokol

<p>Performance Monitoring</p>	<p>The Children and Young People's Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel receive regular performance management reports to help members evaluate the extent to which the council and its partners are achieving key plans and objectives for children and young people's services, and to provide appropriate challenge and suggestions to improve performance.</p> <p>This report presents the following standard items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any recent Ofsted inspections of council services • an analysis of the performance of the relevant Key Corporate Performance Indicators (KCPIs) for Quarter 1 2020/21, that fall under the remit of the Panel. 	<p>Regular Reports to Panel</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an overview of the performance of various Key Service Measures for Support and Safeguarding services within the council. 			

Annual Directorate Statements (ADS)	<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>	Annually		
Home to School Transport				

SECTION TWO – proposed projects (listed in priority order). These must be agreed at Panel and will be referred for discussion at Chairs and Vice Chairs – for inclusion to the Strategic Work Plan:

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Proposed method of scrutiny and reporting process	Timeline	Contact
-------	---------------------	---	----------	---------

Youth Services and Youth Engagement Working group including the Youth Champions and any other interested CYPS Panel members.	To encourage the engagement of young people in the work of the CYPS Panel.	Working Group	Membership of working group and scope to be confirmed.	Cllr Huw James
--	--	---------------	--	----------------

SECTION THREE – planned Briefings and Workshops. Outcomes may, with Chairman’s agreement, generate Panel agenda items (for inclusion in S4 below) or, with Panel agreement, be escalated to S2 above:

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Date	Outcome	Progress	Contact
Children’s Services Performance Data and Direction of Travel (including RAG rating)	Agreed at Informal Panel Meeting 30 June 2021	Autumn 2021 TBC			Carolann James

SECTION FOUR - agenda reports to the Panel meetings as agreed by the Chairman. This section primarily provides for the forward planning of agendas for the coming year and a useful record of panel meeting activity. When considering reports at meetings, outcomes may include proposing a workstream, escalating it to S2 above for potential inclusion on the STRATEGIC WORK PLAN.

Panel Meeting 3 (10 March 2022)

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Progress	Contact
Family Support and Safeguarding Update	To update panel members on family support and safeguarding.	Members receive an update and evaluation of the current position in the Family Support & Safeguarding Service so they have a full understanding of the strengths and ongoing areas for development.		Becky Hopkins, Assistant Director, Family Support and Safeguarding
Children's Improvement Focus Group – Front Door – Forward Plan	To update panel members and for discussion	Members to receive an update on the Children's Improvement Focus Group – Front Door and for discussion.		Councillor Wendy Griggs, Chair, CYPS Panel
CYPS Working Group – Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) – Terms of Reference and Forward Plan	To update panel members and for discussion	Members to receive an update on the CYPS Working Group – APP terms of reference and forward plan for discussion		Councillor Wendy Griggs, Chair, CYPS Panel
Q3 Performance Monitoring Report	The Children and Young People's Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel receive regular performance management reports to help members evaluate the extent to which the council and its partners are achieving key plans and objectives for children and young people's services, and to provide appropriate challenge and suggestions to improve performance.	To note the performance information presented in this report and to give comment on both areas for improvement and good performance.		Becky Hopkins, Assistant Director, Family Support and Safeguarding

<p>CYPS Working Group – Care leavers NEET – Terms of Reference and Forward Plan</p>	<p>To update panel members and for discussion</p>	<p>Members to receive an update on the CYPS Working Group – Care Leavers NEET – Terms of Reference and Forward Plan for discussion</p>		<p>Councillor Wendy Griggs, Chair, CYPS Panel</p>
<p>Joint CAMHS (CYPS & HOSP) Working Group – Overview of Findings</p>	<p>To update Panel members on the findings from the CAMHS Working Group</p>	<p>HOSP/CYPS appreciates the collaboration and transparency of all parties involved in the working group discussions about parity of funding for children’s and young people’s mental health services in North Somerset.</p> <p>HOSP/CYPS believes it’s clear that North Somerset children and young people do not receive parity of funding – and service – for mental health services when compared with Bristol and South Gloucestershire.</p> <p>HOSP/CYPS calls on the council, CCG and system partners to work together to begin to close the estimated £700k funding gap and to specifically improve services for eating disorders, learning disabilities, and primary & infant mental health services</p> <p>A progress report be provided to CYPS by no later than October 2022 outlining the steps that have been taken to improve parity from a funding and service delivery model perspective, and where gaps remain, what steps will be taken to improve these</p>		<p>Councillor Ciaran Cronnelly, Chair, HOSP, Member CYPS</p>

<p>Month 10 Children's Services Budget Monitor</p>	<p>This report summarises and discusses the 2021/22 forecast spend against budget for children's services, highlighting key variances, movements and contextual information as at month 10.</p> <p>The report also makes reference to the principles and outcomes associated with the setting of the 2022/23 budget.</p>	<p>That the Panel notes the 2021/22 forecast spend against budget for children's services and the risks and opportunities associated with the medium-term position.</p>	<p>Sindy Dube, Principal Accountant (Children's Services)</p> <p>Katherine Sokol (Finance Business Partner, Adults and Childrens Services)</p>
--	--	---	--

Panel Meeting 1 (16 June 2022)

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcomes (Actions)	Progress	Contact
<p>Annual Directorate Statement – Children's Services</p>	<p>To outline the key commitments of each directorate for the year ahead to show how we will contribute to the Corporate Plan. Annual Directorate Statements are then used to inform Service Strategies, Team Plans and appraisals.</p>	<p>i) That the Panel notes the plans for 2022/23. ii) That the Panel consider the ADS when setting their Work Plan.</p>		<p>Sheila Smith, Director of Children's Services</p>

<p>Overview of Findings from CAMHS Working Group</p>	<p>To update Scrutiny Panels on Findings from CAMHS Working Group</p>	<p>i) HOSP/CYPS calls on the council, CCG and system partners to work together to begin to close the estimated £700k funding gap and to specifically improve services for eating disorders, learning disabilities, and primary & infant mental health services ii) A progress report be provided to CYPS by no later than October 2022 outlining the steps that have been taken to improve parity from a funding and service delivery model perspective, and where gaps remain, what steps will be taken to improve these.</p>		<p>Councillor Ciarán Cronnelly, Chairman, HOSP, Member CYPS Panel</p>
<p>Resetting the Education Agenda for North Somerset</p>	<p>To update the Panel on work to re-set the education agenda for North Somerset</p>	<p>Members to receive an update on resetting the education agenda in North Somerset.</p>		<p>Pip Hesketh, Assistant Director, Education Partnerships</p>
<p>Community of Practice SEND</p>	<p>To update the Panel on Community of Practice in North Somerset</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with work programme • Ensure the Community is credited with its work • Build habits and new ways of working • Consider transferability to other areas of work 		<p>Councillor Catherine Gibbons Executive Member, Children's Services & Lifelong Learning Pip Hesketh, Assistant Director,</p>

				Education Partnerships
North Somerset's Annual Children's Social Care Complaints and Complements Report for 2020/21 Financial Year	The annual report for 2020/21 covers the Council's actions and responses to complaints and complements about Children's Social Care.	That the panel review and consider the content of the Annual Report on Children's Services Complaints and Complements and any further actions		Steve Devine Complaints & Directorate Governance Manager Sally Varley Head of Strategic Planning & Governance
Adoption West Update Report	To update the Panel on Ofsted's inspection of Adoption West.	i) That the Panel notes the outcome of Ofsted's inspection of Adoption West. ii) That the Panel highlights any risks or areas for further scrutiny. iii) That the Panel considers feedback it would wish to give to Adoption West via the current joint scrutiny arrangements.		Sheila Smith, Director of Children's Services Becky Hopkins, Assistant Director, Family Support and Safeguarding
Performance Monitoring Report	The Children and Young People's Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel receive regular performance management reports to help members evaluate the extent to which the council and its partners are achieving key plans and objectives for children and young people's services, and to provide appropriate challenge and suggestions to improve performance.	To note the performance information presented in this report and to give comment on both areas for improvement and good performance		Becky Hopkins, Assistant Director, Family Support and Safeguarding

Month 12 Children's Services Budget Monitor	<p>This report summarises and discusses the 2021/22 spend against budget for children's services, highlighting key variances, movements and contextual information.</p> <p>The report also makes reference to the principles and outcomes associated with the setting of the 2022/23 budget and on-going financial risks.</p>	<p>That the Panel notes the 2021/22 final spend against budget for children's services and the risks and opportunities associated with the medium-term position.</p>	<p>Sindy Dube, Principal Accountant (Children's Services)</p> <p>Katherine Sokol (Finance Business Partner, Adults and Childrens Services)</p>
--	---	--	--

SECTION 5 - Recommendations - Response from Executive Member

Area for investigation/ Recommendations	When were the recommendations to the Executive agreed?	Expect answer by (first panel meeting after recommendations were submitted)

SECTION 6 - Progress and follow-up on implementing Panel recommendations

Panel Recommendation	Date of Response	Actions – implementation progress