

Children and Young People’s Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme June 2023

(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
School Organisation Steering Group	<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>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>To include Education Transformation</p>	<p>Varied, depending on work strand</p> <p>Ongoing - to meet as required.</p> <p>Regular reporting to Panel</p>	<p>Last meeting: 9JUN23</p> <p>Discussed were: Presumption Competition for a new 630-place Primary School in Haywood Village; Education Commissioning Strategy 2021 – 2024; New School Schemes</p>	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.

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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:

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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

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 1 (29 June 2023) – formal meeting

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcomes (Actions)	Progress	Contact
Role, Remit and Work Plan of the CYPS Policy and Scrutiny Panel	To consider and agree the Panel’s Work Plan.			Brent Cross
Performance Monitoring	To note the performance information presented in this report and to give comment on both areas for improvement and areas of good performance.			Becky Hopkins
Ofsted Inspection Update	To note the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection March 2023 and the identified areas for improvement and plan.			Becky Hopkins
SEND Improvement Plan and the Safety Valve	To note the Council’s progress and commitments.			Pip Hesketh
Month 12 Children’s Services Budget Monitor	To note both the final net out-turn for 2022/23 against the approved budget for children’s services and also the risks and opportunities associated with the medium-term position.			Mark Jarvis

Panel Meeting 2 (19 October 2023)

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Panel Meeting 3 (22 February 2024)

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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