

Children and Young People’s Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme October 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.

Section One – planned panel working groups.

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Method of scrutiny and reporting process	Timeline	Progress	Contact
School Organisation Steering Group	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	Steering Group Corporate Aim: Promoting lifelong learning opportunities Key issues for the public To include Education Transformation	Varied, depending on work strand Ongoing - to meet as required. Regular reporting to Panel	Last meeting: 8SEP23	Sally Varley
Social Worker Recruitment	For assurance on the current position of the recruitment of social workers for Children’s Services	Working group; Report to 22 February 2024 CYPS Panel.	4 meetings end Feb24	First meeting 25OCT23	Matt Greenhalgh
Home to School Transport	Examination of the issues involved with Home to School transport	Joint working with TCC Panel, to start November 2023	3-4 meetings, to start NOV23		Gemma Dando
Children’s Mental Health	To examine some of the issues involved in the increase of children’s poor mental health	Joint working with HOSP; details TBC	Details TBC		Georgie MacArthur

Section Two – briefings, workshops, and informal panel meetings. Outcomes may, with Chairman’s agreement, generate panel agenda items (for inclusion in S3 below) or, with panel agreement, be escalated to S1 above:

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Date	Outcome	Contact

Section Three - agenda reports to the Panel meetings as agreed by the Chairman. This section provides for the forward planning of agendas and a record of panel meeting activity.

CYPS 29 June 2023

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Contact
Role, Remit and Work Plan of the CYPS Policy and Scrutiny Panel	To consider and agree the Panel’s Work Plan.	Working groups to be set up.	
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.	Members comments collected.	
Ofsted Inspection Update	To note the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection March 2023 and the identified areas for improvement and plan.	Discussions around the areas of improvement.	
SEND Improvement Plan and the Safety Valve	To note the Council’s progress and commitments.	Members noted progress and provided comment	

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SEND Self-Assessment	The Panel to note and comment on the SEND self-assessment.		
Adoption West Annual Report	To advise officers of any areas for further information.		
Children's Safeguarding Report	For the CYPS Panel to receive and comment on the Children's Safeguarding Board annual report		

CYPS 22 February 2024

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Contact
Children's Services Annual Complaints and Compliments Report			
Children's Services Performance Monitor			
Children's Services Budget Monitor			

Section Five - 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 Six - Progress and follow-up on implementing Panel recommendations

Panel Recommendation	Date of response	Actions – implementation progress