

Scrutiny for Policies Children & Families Committee Outcome Tracker

Agenda items & Meeting date	Link to CYPP	Action owner	Agreed Outcome	RAG Status
13 May 2016				
Focus on the education of vulnerable children (To include Children Looked After, Special Educational Needs and Free School Meal recipients)	All	Julian Wooster	The update was accepted and it was suggested that to help improve information available for and communications with all service users a decision tree (visual aid in the form of a diagram/flow chart) for the benefit of service users be considered.	Pending
27 January 2017				
Impact of proposed financial changes to Schools	All	Julian Wooster	The Committee encouraged Officers to continue to lobby for these proposed changes to be made so the higher funding materialised.	Pending/On-going
10 March 2017				
Addressing drug and alcohol safeguarding concerns in families		Amanda Payne	The update was accepted and it was suggested that an update report be provided at a future meeting in 12 months.	Pending Nov 2018
26 January 2018				
Overview of Family Based Care (Fostering) -		Louise Palmer	The Chair asked if consideration had been given to producing a flow-chart or a form of easy to follow guide to show the overall process and the Director of Children's Services noted that this had been raised by others and was being progressed. The update was accepted and it was agreed to request an update in a further 6 months.	Pending
20 April 2018				
Changes to the PIMS team			The Committee agreed to request an update report at the September 2018 meeting	Completed Oct '18
18 May 2018				
West Somerset Opportunity Area		Julia Ridge	The Committee requested that a further update report be brought to the October meeting. It was further requested that the next update report contain the following: examples of achievements/progress made to date within each of the 4 priority areas; examples of how funding had been allocated to initiatives and if	Completed Oct '18

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			<p>this had been successful and/or how this could be used in other initiatives, as it was not clear in the current report format; examples of how partnership working on the cross cutting themes had brought about improvements; how could the WSOA be stretched to include the general prosperity and economic activity in the area; ideas on how learning from the WSOA could be rolled out/shared for the benefit of all children and young people in other parts of Somerset.</p>	
Young Carers Update		Wendy Jenner	<p>The Committee requested that a further update report be brought to the October meeting. Members welcomed the projected further progress of the Action Plan and also suggested that:</p> <p>Further thought be given to some form of ID card for Young Carers;</p> <p>Each school in Somerset be encouraged to nominate a Young Carer Champion, to be a point of contact for Young Carers in that setting;</p> <p>Ensure that every School properly submit completed Data Collection forms of its pupils to aid identification of Young Carers;</p> <p>Approach GP Federations to address the issue of the low number of referrals to Young Carers Service;</p> <p>Consideration be given to help Young Carers to have access to the Department of Work and pensions and available benefits;</p> <p>Continuation of the 2 County Councillor Champions to help raise the profile for Young Carers in Somerset.</p>	Completed Oct '18
Progress on Recommendations arising from the Ofsted Inspection Report, January 2018		Claire Winter	<p>The Committee asked if the Chair could be invited to QPRM meetings, as this practice of him being able to attend as an observer seemed to have lapsed.</p> <p>It was suggested, in addition to the regular CYPP reports, that a specific Ofsted update report be provided in 6 months so progress against the Ofsted recommendations could be reviewed.</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Pending</p>

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Elective Home Education – Government call for evidence		Dave Farrow	It was agreed that the Council's draft response would be circulated at the beginning of June for any comments. It was requested that the link to the website was circulated to the Committee and the lead officer encouraged any Member to contact him with any questions.	Pending Completed
20 July 2018				
Scrutiny Work Programme		Dr Orla Dunn Fiona Phur Dave Farrow	It was agreed that the following items would be included on the work programme: 19 October – Update on Syrian Families in Somerset; 19 October – Planning for the 2019/2020 CYPP; 16 November – Pre-validation exam performance in Somerset.	Pending
Family Support Services (FSS) Update		Philippa Granthier	The Committee requested that a further a FSS update report be provided for the December meeting that will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of service provision (following changes) and take up/usage of service; • Identifying and retaining vulnerable families to ensure they were not 'lost', particularly regarding changes in location and public transport; • Technology strategy – for staff and accessibility for clients; • Property – staff bases and service delivery. 	Pending
14 September 2018				
Changes to the PIMS team		Annette Perrington	The Committee considered this report that provided an update on the implementation of changes to the PIMs team, plans for further engagement on future service delivery and the impact on children and families. Members were informed that when engagement was concluded there would be a further update about this to the committee.	Pending

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Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2016-2019		Fiona Phur & Member Champions	The Committee received an update regarding the development of the three-year Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) which started in April 2016 setting out the actions the council and its partners were taking to continue and sustain improvements in children's services. Members nominated as programme champions and officers involved in the programmes were reminded of the need to engage for updates and progress prior to committee meetings. The Committee accepted the update.	Pending
Children's Social Care Statutory Customer Feedback Report 2017-2018-		Simon Clifford	The Committee considered this item which reports on the operation of the complaints procedure containing an executive summary followed by 3 separate detailed sections for Children's Services, Adult Services, and Economy and Community Infrastructure (ECI). An update report was requested in 12 months.	Pending
8 October 2018				
Extraordinary Call-In meeting to consider Savings Proposal CAF 14a		Julian Wooster	<p>The Committee reviewed the decision taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 12 September 2018 regarding CAF 14a - proposals for the alteration and/or reduction of early help services provided to children and their families – 'getset'. The Committee heard questions & received statements from 26 members of the public. All submissions would generate a written response to be published on the Council's website. In summary and reflecting on the responses to a number of questions raised in the call-in review including, data, demand for services, caseloads for workers and reductions in staff the Committee did not feel that the additional supporting evidence, which it noted had not been considered by the Cabinet, had provided assurance about the decision taken by the Cabinet in respect of CAF14a.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to uphold the call-in and in light of clarification provided by officers during its call-in review of proposal CAF14a, to request that the Cabinet: Receive a report from the Director of Children's Services at its next meeting,</p>	Pending

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			based on Appendix A of the call-in report, and review the decision for CAF 14a that was taken on 12 September with the aim of deferring the implementation, pending the completion of the consultation on CAF 14b with staff, partners and service users in order to allow for a comprehensive proposal to come back to Cabinet for decision in February 2019.	

The CYPP has been produced following a multi-agency process, overseen by Somerset Children’s Trust. Seven improvement programmes have been identified – our work is focused on ensuring progress and achievement within these 7 programmes:

1. Supporting children, families and communities to become more resilient
2. Promoting healthy outcomes and giving children the best start in life
3. Improving emotional health and wellbeing
4. Building skills for life
5. Providing help early and effectively
6. Achieving effective multi-agency support for more vulnerable children and young people and developing an excellent children’s social work service
7. Embedding a think family approach across the workforce

Key:

Completed	Action complete and will be removed from tracker for next meeting.
Pending	Action on-going or plans in place to address.
Incomplete	No action currently in place with a minimum of 3 months since action agreed.