

## Scrutiny Committee - Children and Families Work Plan 2024 - 2025

Committee meeting dates / proposed agenda items	Lead Officer/Item Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mtg on 15.05.24 - suggestion by Cllr John Hunt - staffing in CSC – to be reviewed</li> <li>• Mtg on 15.05.24 - suggestion by Cllr Carswell – training to drivers / school transport drivers – include in Task &amp; Finish group work– will be referenced in presentation on Home to school transport at August mtg</li> <li>• Mtg on 15.05.24 – update on DBS checks – to be scheduled</li> <li>• Mtg on 15.05.24 – JTAI inspection report and action plan – August mtg</li> <li>• Mtg on 26.06.24 – data sharing – to be scheduled</li> <li>• Mtg on 26.06.24 – briefing note on decision-making process / procedure for academisation (schools) – August mtg</li> <li>• Mtg on 26.06.24 – Transformation Board deep dive – CLA to be shared with Committee – September mtg</li> </ul>	
<b>Wednesday 26 June 2024 @ 10 am</b>	
Children’s Services Transformation Plan (deep dive)	Claire Winter, Executive Director of Children, Families and Education, and colleagues
Education, Health & Care Plan and annual reviews – progress update As background, link to <a href="#">report</a> and <a href="#">presentation</a> from meeting in December 2023)	Amelia Walker, Service Director Education
Children’s Services Budget Monitoring	Christian Evans, Head of Business Partnering and colleagues
Items for Information:	
(a) The <a href="#">SENDIAS Annual Report</a> – circulated on 11 June 2024	
<b>Wednesday 7 August 2024 @ 09.30 am</b>	
<b>Children’s Services - Budget Monitoring update – Month 3</b>	Christian Evans Head of Business Partnering and colleagues
<b>Equality Due Regard requirement for Scrutiny</b>	Tom Rutland
<b>Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) of Somerset – serious youth violence</b>	Claire Winter, Executive Director, Chief Insp Rebecca Wells-Cole, Shelagh Meldrum, ICB
<a href="#">JTAI report</a> – key issues arising and action plan (headline activity).	
<b>School transport project</b>	Phi Curd, Head of Education Places and John Perrett, Service Manager
<b>Items for Information:</b>	

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(a) <a href="#">Suicide Prevention Strategy for Somerset Consultation</a> - circulated on 25 July 2024 (b) 2024 KS2 headline data – circulated on 25 July 2024 (c) Briefing note on academisation / decision making process and procedure – circulated on 30 July 2024 (d) Information about the Regional Adoption Agency Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 25 July which considered the <a href="#">Adopt South West Annual Report 2023/24</a> – circulated on 30 July 2024	
<b>Wednesday 18 September @ 10 am – Sedgemoor Room, Bridgwater</b>	
Children’s Services - Budget Monitoring update	Christian Evans Head of Business Partnering and colleagues
Regional Director (Schools) – provisional	
JTAI - action plan	
Transformation Board deep dive - CLA	
External placements – update on recommendations made by the Task and Finish Group	
Standing Panel for Education Standards - brief update	Cllr Evie Potts-Jones

### Current membership 2024/2025:-

Chair: Councillor Leigh Redman (L) Vice-Chair: Councillor Evie Potts-Jones (LD)  
 Councillors, Jason Baker (LD), Simon Carswell (LD), Peter Clayton (C), Andy Hadley (C), Alistair Hendry (C), Pauline Ham (LD), John Hunt (Ind), Marcus Kravis (LD), Martin Lovell (LD), Frances Nicholson (C), Jeny Snell (LD) Plus Ruth Hobbs, School Governor Rep, (voting on education matters) The Revd Tobie Osmond, Church of England Diocesan Rep, (voting on education matters) ~~Jo Simons,~~  
 Schools Forum Rep, (voting on education matters)

### Revised meeting dates for 2024/25

all meetings at Deane House except where indicated:

- **Wednesday 7 August @ 09.30 am**
- **Wednesday 18 September @ 10 am (Sedgemoor Room, Bridgwater).**

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## Scrutiny Committee - Children and Families Work Plan 2024 - 2025

- **Monday 21 October @ 10 am**
- **Monday 9 December @ 10 am**
- **Monday 10 February @ 10am**
- **Monday 31 March @ 10am**
- **Monday 19 May @ 10am**

**Note:** Members of the Scrutiny Committee and all other Members of Somerset County Council are invited to contribute items for inclusion in the work programme. Please contact Democratic Services (01823) 357628 & [democraticserviceteam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:democraticserviceteam@somerset.gov.uk) who will assist you in submitting your item.

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