

Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee (virtual meetings from May 2020 due to Coronavirus)

Thursday 9 July 2020

1.00 pm Virtual meeting



SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA

To: The Members of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee (virtual meetings from May 2020 due to Coronavirus)

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Item 5	Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 3 - 6) To discuss any items for the forthcoming work programme. To assist the discussion, the following documents will be considered: b) – Current Work Programme for the Committee; c) – Outcome Tracker.
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Scrutiny for Policies Children and Families Committee Work Programme

Committee meeting dates & agenda items	Lead Officer/Item lead
9 July	
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Area Inspection Update	Julian Wooster/Lisa Savage
9 September	
Q1-Q2 MTFP analysis Children's services budget	Julian Wooster
SENDIAS Update	Fiona Phur
Children's Services Performance report	James Hadley
Regional Adoption Agency 8-month review	Claire Winter
Family Safeguarding Update	Claire Winter
7 October – informal meeting	
12 November	
Update on Safeguarding arrangements	Julian Wooster
Youth Offending Service update	Lise Bird
Early Help Strategic Commissioning Board Update – (possible visit)	Louise Palmer
2 December – informal meeting	
27 January 2021	
Children's Services performance report	James Hadley
3 March 2021- last meeting before SCC elections	

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) 359500 & democraticservices@somerset.gov.uk who will assist you in submitting your item.

Suggested agenda items for joint workshop with Adults & Health Scrutiny Committee in August:

CAHMS service;

(What impact does that have on Children in Somerset?)

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Immunisations;
Adoption Medicals;
Oral health;
Transitions Plans for LD service users (18-25) going into Adult Services;
The impact on Children and Families of the next stage of migration/roll out of Universal Credit.

(What impact does that have on Children in Somerset?)

Scrutiny for Policies Children & Families Committee Outcome Tracker

Agenda items	Owner	Agreed Outcome	RAG Status
26 April 2019			
Regional Adoption Agency	Suzanne Lyus	The update was accepted, and the Chair suggested, and it was agreed that an update report be provided in 6 months.	Pending – for Sept 2020
13 September 2019			
	Scrutiny Manager	The Scrutiny Manager updated Members on the 'Safe routes to school' item and the Committee agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair and Scrutiny Manager meet to determine the specific aspects to be considered.	Committee received an update in March 2020.
Early Help Strategic Commissioning Board Update	Scrutiny Manager	The Chair requested that Officers look in to arranging an appropriate visit for the Committee and that an update report be presented in 6 months.	Pending – for Nov 2020
18 October 2019			
Value for Money: Tracker and Social Care Experts Review 2018 - 2019	Chair & Vice Chair & Scrutiny Manager	The Committee accepted the report and the Vice Chair undertook to work with the Chair and Officers to determine how the Committee could best review progress on the 3 specific VFM actions during the year.	Pending
15 November 2019			
Work Programme	A Perrington	The Committee agreed to form a Task and Finish Group to review – School Exclusions and to produce a report for the March 2020 meeting.	Report was considered at May 2020
13 December 2019			
Young Carers update	Louise Palmer	The Chair reflected on the discussion and he noted that the Committee would be interested to see how the Community Alliance plans progressed and how schools could be better enabled so that young carers could be supported. Appropriately. He suggested and it was agreed for a further update to be provided next July, to report on the first 12 months of the new arrangements.	Pending – Sept 2020
Children's Services Performance Report Quarter 2 - 2019/2020	Committee	The Chair suggested and it was agreed that the Committee give consideration to allocating a Member Champion for each of the 6 key activity areas.	Pending

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24 January 2020			
Medium Term Financial Plan	Jason Vaughan	The Committee agreed to: Support the financial strategy and welcome the long-term view as presented; Note that the Director of Children's Services was content with the rebasing of the budget for the 2020/21 financial year, representing a 7.9% on year increase; Note the uncertainty of some grant funding, as this represented about 4% of the Children's Services budget and the potential impact on future funding/spending; Support the Director of Children's Services and staff and to encourage the Director and Cabinet to continue to seek and develop innovative solutions.	Pending
Family Safeguarding	Claire Winter	It was suggested and agreed that an update would be provided in 6 months.	Pending – Sept 2020
9 July 2020			

The new CYPP 2019-2022 had been produced following a multi-agency process, overseen by Somerset Children's Trust. The CYPP had 4 priorities: **Supported Families; Healthy Lives; A Great Education; Positive Outcomes.**

Completed	Action complete and will be removed from tracker for next meeting and retained on Master Tracker document.
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.