

## Scrutiny for Policies Children & Families Committee Outcome Tracker

Agenda items	owner	Agreed Outcome	RAG Status
<b>18 October 2019</b>			
Value for Money: Tracker and Social Care Experts Review 2018 - 2019	Chair & Vice Chair & Scrutiny Manager	<p>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.</p> <p><b>December 2020 – not discussed. Action to be reviewed.</b></p>	Pending <i>to be scheduled</i>
<b>13 December 2019</b>			
Young Carers update	Louise Palmer	<p>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.</p> <p><b>December 2020 – support to young carers raised as an issue by Cllr Munt - to be discussed with Cabinet Member – may be agenda item at mtg on 27 January 2021.</b></p> <p><b>January 2021 – not raised so NFA.</b></p>	Completed.
Work programme	Committee	Request for update report on <b>elective home education</b>	<b>On agenda for March 2021 mtg</b>
<b>24 January 2020</b>			

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Family Safeguarding	Claire Winter	<p>It was suggested and agreed that an update would be provided in 6 months.</p> <p><b>Update November 2020</b>  <i>Due to the impact of Covid, the roll out of Family Safeguarding was postponed until October 2020. The impact of this model on social work practice and evidencing the improvements in children's lives will start to be seen in the first 9 to 12 months from implementation</i></p>	<p>Pending  <b>Mid 2021</b></p>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>			
Covid-19 – Children’s Services	Julian Wooster	<p>Received report outlining work of the service during the pandemic.</p> <p>The Chair of the Committee thanked the DCS and all Officers that had risen to the challenge to provide and maintain excellent services for Somerset children and their families. He thought that Members would want to focus attention on the 10 areas of concern identified in Appendix 2 of the report, and he would liaise with Officers to explore how an <b>update report containing short, medium and long term views with a Somerset specific and national picture could be best reported to the Committee.</b></p> <p><b>Update January 2021</b> - <i>Update on impact of COVID-19 received at meeting on 12 November 2020.</i></p>	<p>Pending</p> <p><b>Discussed at January 2021 as part of the multi agency session on children &amp; y mental health and wellbeing. Completed.</b></p>

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<b>9 July 2020</b>			
Unitary update	Julian Wooster	DCS and team to prepare an issues paper around preparing for transition.  <i><b>Update December 2020</b> – terms of reference being developed, to be taken forward via Task and Finish group.</i>	On going  <b>Proposed terms of reference / membership considered at January 2021 mtg</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – joint workshop with Adults</b>			
Transition arrangements – preparing for adulthood	Mel Lock / Julian Wooster	Joint scrutiny workshop welcomed and from each of the workshops any actions arising would be articulated and tracked and feedback to the relevant Scrutiny Committee and added to future workplans.	Pending Feedback from Joint Workshop Scrutiny Adults / Children <b>On agenda for June 2021</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>			
Youth Offending Service – to consider the HMIP Day 1 presentation	Claire Winter / Kat Brooklyn	Presentation about the work of the YOS and about the forthcoming HMIP Inspection which is due to take place in 2021.  Agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair would meet with officers to prepare a briefing note for future cttee meeting, on the following – speech and language service, County Lines (prevention), education attendance and outcomes.  <i><b>Update January 2021</b> – item on agenda for March 2021 meeting on <b>prevention</b> – impact of prevention fund funded projects for children and young people</i>	Pending  <b>On agenda for March 2021 mtg</b>

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How has COVID-19 impacted on the delivery of the CYPP	Fiona Phur	Received report and presentation on how has COVID-19 impacted on the delivery of the CYPP. Chair asked for more details / information on <i>Kooth</i> Query raised about home educated young people and examinations – this being followed up. Agreed to provide an update on <b>voice of young person</b> , to March 2021 meeting (following the Youth Forum session)	<b>On agenda for June 2021 mtg</b>
Scrutiny review	Jamie Jackson	Detailed update provided about the background to the review, recommendations agreed, and actions taken. Focused on Recommendations 5, 7, 10 and that target is to ensure that all recommendations have been fully embedded by March 2021. Update noted.	Originally for March mtg – <b>moved to June 2021 mtg</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020</b>			
Work programme		Agreed that the recommendations from the Task & Finish Group on 'Exclusions' would be added to the outcome tracker. Noted that the Government has indicated may be revising the guidance.	<b>June 2021 meeting - prov</b>
		Reference made to an all member workshop – 22 January 2021 on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), looking at key areas of development in Somerset. Scrutiny members urged to attend.	

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WSoA	Julian Wooster	<p>The Director provided a detailed report which provided a further update about the Written Statement of Action (WSoA) which priorities the areas' work on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in the forthcoming 18 – 24 months. A copy of the signed-off WSoA had also been provided to the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the best way to add value and what it should focus its efforts on. Agreed: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note that following the focused work on School Exclusions, a report on the timeliness and quality of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) will be considered at the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27 January 2021.</li> <li>2. That, in view of the significant challenges in Somerset, the SEND Improvement Board be encouraged to closely monitor the work joint working improvements needed between partners to support children with Autism and other associated neuro-development conditions.</li> <li>3. That the following areas within the WSoA will be explored in more detail by the Scrutiny Committee: -             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Leadership (Improvement Priority 2)</li> <li>➤ ASD (Improvement Priority 5) (see recommendation 2 above)</li> <li>➤ Inclusive Schools (Improvement Priority 6)</li> <li>➤ Performance Monitoring</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. The Chair and Vice Chair will meet to discuss the scheduling of the areas of work and expectations in terms of reports for example.</li> </ol>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Scheduling to be determined</p> <p><b><i>Update January 2021 - EHCP deep dive to be moved to future agenda</i></b></p>
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<p>Future Schools Provision in the Crewkerne and Ilminster Area</p>	<p>Amelia Walker</p>	<p>The AD, Education, Partnerships and Skills provided a report and presentation updating the cttee about the consultation on the future school provision in the Crewkerne and Ilminster area. Preliminary consultation took place in 2019 and on 21 October 2020 Cabinet agreed to publish a formal consultation on a proposed two-tier model. The first consultation launched on the 12 November 2020 and runs until Friday 11 December 2020. Subject to the decision taken by the Cabinet Member, the second consultation (statutory) will potentially be 30 December to 27 January 2021 (subject to Non Key Decision in December) with Cabinet decision at end of February 2021.</p> <p>The consultation documents are also available electronically on the following - <a href="https://someset.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/CISP/consultationHome">https://someset.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/CISP/consultationHome</a> .</p> <p>The Assistant Director outlined some of the emerging issues to date, covering – process, quality of education, transition, community and context and possible alternative options.</p> <p>Agreed to provide data relating to pupil modelling. Also agreed that the Committee receive further details on the consultation if decision is taken to process to the second stage and the following information be provided if this moves to the second consultation stage: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) plans for business in schools</li> <li>b) travel costs (expense to county / parental cost)</li> <li>c) communication plan</li> <li>d) transition points – to understand the pupil journey in area (Early Years to sixth form and transition points and challenges in area).</li> </ul> <p>Questions raised about the Wadham School and funding and curriculum led financial planning be discussed outside the meeting.</p>	<p>Item is proceeding to second consultation stage - <b>on agenda for March mtg</b></p>
<p><b>27 January 2021</b></p>			
<p>Work programme</p>		<p>Discussed items for the next meeting on 3 March 2021.</p>	

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		Agreed that a follow up to the on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) workshop on 22 January, looking at key areas of development in Somerset ACE workshop be added to the Forward Plan for later in the year. Possibly joint with Adults & Health Scrutiny Cttee.	Pending Scheduling to be determined
		Items for further review before adding to work plan: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Meals provision – referencing the Somerset climate emergency policies</li> <li>• Closure of the Shapwick School</li> <li>• Deep dive into tribunals and appeals relating to) education</li> <li>• Experience of younger children in care system</li> </ul>	Pending
Children’s Services Data Overview	Claire Winter	<p>The Committee received a presentation from the Council’s Deputy Director, Children Services Claire Winter, on Children’s Services data trends. The purpose of the presentation was for the Committee to consider children services data and partnership qualitative information to identify areas of possible concern and success in these strategic leadership of the Somerset Children's Partnership; to explore potential hypothesis from the information provided about the effectiveness of specific aspects of that leadership in improving children's lives; and to prioritise the hypothesis the committee would like to test through work integrated into the Forward Plan.</p> <p>The presentation was divided into 4 sections- Early help, Children in need of help and protection, Children looked after and Care leavers, with each section broken down into the following- background, data, what the data indicates and potential hypotheses, for further scrutiny by the Committee as part of its forward plan.</p>	
		<p>AGREED: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the presentation be noted and welcomed in helping to inform the future work of the Committee.</li> <li>2. That further work is needed to consider what the data implies and to frame and articulate this future work.</li> <li>3. That the Chair and Vice Chair will meet to discuss this further.</li> </ol>	In progress

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<p>Impact of COVID-19 on children and young people's mental health and wellbeing</p>	<p>Multi agency session</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed the following to the meeting: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenny Pearce Riddy - Strategic Manager and Principal Educational Psychologist, Somerset County Council Children Services</li> <li>• Fiona Moir – Service Manager, Public Health</li> <li>• Tim Cockerill - Assistant Educational Psychologist, Somerset County Council Children's Services</li> <li>• Nik Harwood - Chief Executive, Young Somerset</li> <li>• Claudine Brown – Head of CAMHS Somerset</li> <li>• Katharine Griffin – Service Manager Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service</li> </ul> <p>The purpose of the presentation was for Committee to consider the issue of how big the problem is, what is being done about it and what would make the biggest difference. They provided an outline of national and local statistics come at universal and whole school approaches, Information on mental health support teams the community offer and well-being practitioners and support for specific groups – CAMHS and Children looked after (CLA).</p>	
		<p>The Cttee asked significant number of questions and the main points from the presentation / discussion and questions were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'feeling sad' figures locally, expressed in the 'Your Views Matter' survey – further details will be circulated after the meeting</li> <li>• Concerns around the psychological impact of COVID and what next after COVID need to look at</li> <li>• Big tent – briefing note requested, so can help promote and explain it</li> <li>• CAMHS - &amp; times to access. Pleased that young people can access in timely manner</li> <li>• Virtual meeting fatigue issue</li> <li>• Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) – noted &amp; need timetable for response to that so ensure driving forward</li> <li>• CLA – clarification that life's journeys are included in that item.</li> <li>• Invited members to forward any other points to him after the meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>In progress</p>

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Medium Term Financial Plan for Children's Services	Jason Vaughan	<p>The Committee considered report from the Council's Director of Finance, which summarised the key areas of specific interest within the Medium-Term Financial Plan to the scrutiny committee for Children and Families. The Committee was asked to consider the proposed budget for 2021-2022 and the indicative budgets for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 for the children and families services budgets. The Committee was also asked to review specific proposals for changes from previous years and identify any matters for consideration that they would like to highlight to the Cabinet.</p> <p>Questions asked about the following capital bids – children's residential placements, early years basic need and new school buildings. The Director of Children's Services agreed to circulate further information after the meeting.</p>	In progress
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The 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.**

### ***Update – March 2021***

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.

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