

Scrutiny for Policies Children and Families Committee Work Programme 2022 - 23

Overarching themes	Committee meeting dates / proposed agenda items	Lead Officer/Item Lead
20 June 2022 @ 2 pm		
Social Care and Commissioning	Family Safeguarding - overview	Claire Winter
Universal Education	School Place Planning	Amelia Walker
25 July 2022 @ 1 pm		
	Education and Inclusion Services Redesign	Amelia Walker / Dr Rob Hart
Cross cutting	Update on budgetary pressures in Children's Services See - 2022/23 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Month 2 – End of May 2022	Claire Winter, Deputy Director
Information items	Items for information (a)Children & Young Peoples Plan – public facing document	
5 September 2022 @ 1 pm		
	Homes for children in Somerset – progress update	Assistant Director Commissioning
Universal Education	Academisation - moving towards 2030	Amelia Walker
Training item	Update on 2022 Key Stage assessment results for Somerset	
3 October 2022 @ 1 pm		
SEND & Inclusion	SEND Draft Strategy / development, including outcomes from SEND survey (comparator to previous years)	Dr Rob Hart
Training item	Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services – update	Claire Winter
7 November @ 1 pm		
Training item	Background briefing on LA maintained schools capacity	Amelia Walker
Universal Education	LA maintained schools – planning, capacity and support	Amelia Walker
	Member site visits information	

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12 December @ 1 pm			
	Education Strategy for Somerset – progress update		Amelia Walker
	Member site visits information		
16 January 2023 @ 1 pm			
	Budget items		
Late February 2023 – to be arranged			
	Member site visits ahead of the workshop (reference at November meeting)		Workshop - multi agency practitioners, schools (vision and direction)
	Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) - Trauma Informed Somerset practice model		To be scheduled
Universal Education	Member site visits ahead of the workshop (reference at December meeting) The disadvantage gap - what we know and options to address, to include health impact of inequalities in education		Workshop – Public Health, SEND, social workers, case studies, wider health organisations, FSM and pupil premium data To be scheduled
SEND & Inclusion	Response to SEND Green Paper – and policy proposals		To be scheduled Early 2023
	Children missing out on education (numbers, who, reasons)		To be scheduled - 2023

Items to be scheduled / recommendations for Scrutiny Forward Plan

SEND and Inclusion

- Attendance
- Written Statement of Action

Social Care and Commissioning

- Family Connections and Early Help
- Placement sufficiency

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- Strategic partnership
- The Care Review

Cross-cutting items:

- Long-term financial planning that improves outcomes for children (MTP)
- Involving young people and the community in scrutiny
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing (with health partners)
- Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) – Children & Families Budgets

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 Fiona Abbott, Democratic Services (01823) 357628 & democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk who will assist you in submitting your item.

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