

Scrutiny for Policies Children and Families Committee Work Plan 2022 - 2023

Overarching themes	Committee meeting dates / proposed agenda items	Lead Officer/Item Lead
5 September 2022 @ 1 pm		
Training / briefing item	2022 Key Stage assessment results for Somerset (with recap of 2019 assessment results for Somerset)	Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker
Universal Education	Academisation - moving towards 2030	Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker
Cross cutting	Update on budgetary pressures in Children's Services – discussion deferred from July meeting For background, see 2022/23 Revenue Budget Monitoring – Month 3 – End of June 2022	Deputy Director Children's Services Claire Winter
	Homes for children in Somerset – progress update	Daniel Moncrieff Strategic Manager and Caroline Barnes Service Manager (Project Team)
Items for Information – Standing Item	Items for Information: (a) Task & Finish Group Report on School Exclusions – report to Cabinet 23 September 2020 (b) Elective home education – report to Committee 3 March 2021	
3 October 2022 @ 1 pm		
Training item	Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services – update	Deputy Director Children's Services Claire Winter
SEND & Inclusion	SEND Draft Strategy / development, including outcomes from SEND survey (comparator to previous years)	Assistant Director Inclusion Dr Rob Hart
	Education and Inclusion Services redesign / restructure - follow up	Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker, Assistant Director, Inclusion Dr R Hart
Social Care and	<i>Provisional item</i>	Assistant Director Commissioning Richard

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commissioning	Impact - Family Connexions and LCN's (governance) including an update from Frome LCN Pilot	Selwyn Public Health LGR Programme Director Alyn Jones
7 November @ 1 pm		
Training item	Progress on Ofsted Action Plan	Deputy Director Children's Services Claire Winter
Universal Education	Pre Executive scrutiny - LA Maintained schools traded core offer	Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker
12 December @ 1 pm		
Universal Education	Education Strategy for Somerset – progress update	Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker
	Member site visits information: - Trusts and maintained schools workshop day Follow on individual visits by members to schools in their Division	
16 January 2023 @ 1 pm		
Cross cutting	Budget items	
	Scrutiny update on Ofsted Action Plan	Deputy Director Children's Services Claire Winter
Workshops - to be scheduled		
	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)	Workshop – Public Health, SEND, social workers, case studies, wider health

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	The disadvantage gap - what we know and options to address, to include health impact of inequalities in education		organisations, FSM and pupil premium data To be scheduled
Provisional - 16 March 2023 @ 1 pm			
SEND & Inclusion	Response to SEND Green Paper – and policy proposals		
	Children missing out on education (numbers, who, reasons)		

Items to be scheduled / recommendations for Scrutiny Forward Plan

Peninsula Fostering Framework Agreement - Decision due: 16 Nov 2022 – needs to be added to work programme

SEND and Inclusion

- Attendance
- Written Statement of Action

Social Care and Commissioning

- Early Help
- Placement sufficiency
- 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

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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 & democraticserviceteam@somerset.gov.uk who will assist you in submitting your item.

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