

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

Overarching themes	Committee meeting dates / proposed agenda items	Lead Officer/Item Lead
<b>5 September 2022 @ 1 pm</b>		
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 <a href="#">2022/23 Revenue Budget Monitoring – Month 3 – End of June 2022</a>	Deputy Director Children's Services Claire Winter
	Homes for children in Somerset – progress update	Daniel Moncrieff Strategic Manager (Project Team)
Items for Information – Standing Item	Items for Information: (a) <a href="#">Task &amp; Finish Group Report on School Exclusions</a> – report to Cabinet 23 September 2020 (b) <a href="#">Elective home education</a> – report to Committee 3 March 2021	
<b>3 October 2022 @ 1 pm</b>		
Training item	Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services – update ( <a href="#">published 21 September 2022</a> )	Deputy Director Children's Services Claire Winter
Briefing / overview	Home to School Transport – overview of statutory duties, demand and developments	Strategic Manager, Access & Additional Learning Needs Phil Curd and Service Manager Transporting Somerset John Perrett
Cross-cutting	Children's Services budget monitoring report  focussing on home to school cost management  For background see <a href="#">2022/23 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Month 4 – End July 2022</a>	Assistant Director Inclusion Dr Rob Hart, Strategic Manager, Access & Additional Learning Needs Phil Curd and Service Manager Transporting Somerset John Perrett

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SEND & Inclusion	SEND Draft Strategy / development, including outcomes from SEND survey (comparator to previous years)	Assistant Director Inclusion Dr Rob Hart, Strategic Manager, Commissioning, Vikki Hearn
Items for Information – Standing Item		
<b>7 November @ 1 pm</b>		
Training item	Progress on Ofsted Action Plan	Deputy Director Children’s Services Claire Winter
Universal Education	Education and Inclusion Services redesign / restructure - follow up (including LA maintained schools traded offer (pre Executive scrutiny)	Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker, Assistant Director, Inclusion Dr R Hart
<b><i>provisional items:-</i></b>		
Universal Education	2022 Key Stage assessment results – national data	Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker
Social Care and commissioning	Impact - Family Connections and LCN’s (governance) including an update from Frome LCN Pilot	Assistant Director Commissioning Richard Selwyn Public Health LGR Programme Director Alyn Jones
<b>12 December @ 1 pm</b>		
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)  Key note – <b>ambitions for children in Somerset system leadership day</b> (Christine Lenehan – Michael Wilshaw)	

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<b>16 January 2023 @ 1 pm</b>			
Cross cutting	Budget items		
	Scrutiny update on Ofsted Action Plan		Deputy Director Children's Services Claire Winter
<b>Workshops - to be scheduled</b>			
	Member site visits ahead of the workshop (reference at November meeting)  Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) - <b>Trauma Informed Somerset</b> practice model		Workshop - multi agency practitioners, schools (vision and direction)  <b>To be scheduled</b>
Universal Education	Member site visits ahead of the workshop (reference at December meeting)  <b>The disadvantage gap</b> - 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  <b>To be scheduled</b>
<b>Provisional date - 6 March 2023 @ 1 pm</b>			
SEND & Inclusion	Response to SEND Green Paper – and policy proposals		
	Children missing out on education (numbers, who, reasons)		
Universal Education	Provisional – Academisation – progress update		Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker

### **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

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## 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

**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](mailto:democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk) who will assist you in submitting your item.

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