

Scrutiny for Policies Children & Families Committee Outcome Tracker 2022 - 23

| Agenda items | Lead / Owner | Agreed Outcome | RAG Status |
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| Meeting held - 20 June 2022 | | | |
| Family Safeguarding Review | Louise Palmer | <p>PowerPoint presentation from the Council's Strategic Commissioner, in Children's Services Louise Palmer and the Council's Head of Service for Assessment and Safeguarding in Children's Social Care, Paul Shawcross who provided an implementation update on Family Safeguarding in Somerset.</p> <p>Noted the successes and evaluation undertaken by York Consulting which is due in the next month, the positive interim report headlines and issues for consideration - impact of the pandemic on the implementation; the 'workbook'; increasing complexity of cases. It was agreed that the Evaluation Report be circulated to the Committee.</p> | Pending |
| School Place planning | Amelia Walker | <p>PowerPoint presentation from the Council's Assistant Director, Education Partnerships and Skills, Amelia Walker, the Assistant Director Inclusion, Dr Rob Hart and the Strategic Manager, Phil Curd was provided and offered an overview of school and early years places.</p> <p>The Committee would receive an overview of the new Education White Paper at a future meeting.</p> | Pending |
| Meeting held – 25 July 2022 | | | |
| Work plan | | <p>Considered and noted the Committee's current work programme and the Executive Forward Plan of planned key decisions in coming months, including Executive meetings. It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request a 'briefing on a page' about the current situation regarding school exclusions • Request the former Committee's Task and Finish Group report on School Exclusions be circulated • That job titles as well as names, be included on the work plan • Members were invited to email the Chair and Vice Chair if they have any further items they would like the Committee to focus on | <p>AD Inclusion</p> <p>Clerk - completed</p> <p>Clerk - completed</p> |

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| Education and Inclusion Services Redesign | Amelia Walker / Dr Rob Hart | PowerPoint presentation from the Council's Assistant Director, Inclusion Dr Rob Hart, who presented the proposals for the Education and Inclusion Services redesign. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair, relevant officers and the lead Member for Children and Families will discuss best route for the Scrutiny Committee to consider the proposals | Pending 7 November 2022 |
| Update on budgetary pressures in Children's Services | Claire Winter | Item DEFERRED | 5 September 2022 |
| Information Item | | Children & Young Peoples Plan – public facing document | |
| 5 September 2022 | | | |
| Work Plan | | A ' glossary of terms ' has recently been published on the Council's website. Agreed that Home to School Transport presentation would come to next meeting | Oct 22 mtg |
| 2022 Key Stage assessment results for Somerset | Amelia Walker | PowerPoint presentation from the Council's Assistant Director, Education Partnerships and Skills, Amelia Walker, who provided a data and standards update, including the early indications from the 2022 Key Stage assessment results for Somerset and the areas of focus. Testing generates vast quantities of data and therefore accurate and reliable results to pupil level will not be in the public domain until January 2023. The national data is released in October and the Committee would like to see that when can (possibly November mtg). Ms Walker said that she would circulate the presentation given to the informal meeting last year which provided an introduction to education data and performance. The Committee had a broad discussion on the issues raised in the presentation. On behalf of the Committee the Chair thanked Ms Walker for the informative presentation. | Prov – Nov 22 mtg Clerk - completed |

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| Academisation - moving towards 2030 | Amelia Walker | PowerPoint presentation on issues from the Council's Assistant Director, Education Partnerships and Skills, Amelia Walker. | Progress update in Feb / March 2023 |
| Update on budgetary pressures in Children's Services | Claire Winter | <p>PowerPoint presentation from the Council's Deputy Director of Children's Services, Claire Winter, who provided an update on the budgetary pressures in Children's Services.</p> <p>The key areas of pressure are external placements for children in care and secondly education transport – home to school and SEND transport and Ms Winter outlined the key performance cost drivers and actions / activity to address pressures. It was confirmed that the education transport strategy will be considered at the Place Scrutiny Committee on 6 September 2022 and will be brought to this Committee in October 2022.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following will be circulated (a) 'Staying Put' policy; (b) numbers in residential care data for 21/22 and how we sit with statistical neighbours.</p> <p>The Committee also congratulated the department for winning the 2022 LGC award for the fostering campaign. It was agreed that Children's Services budget monitoring will be discussed at the next meeting. The Chair also highlighted that at some point the Committee may consider setting up a task and finish group looking at external care placements, in conjunction with Corporate Parenting Board.</p> | On going work by Committee |
| Homes for children in Somerset – progress update | Daniel Moncrieff | PowerPoint presentation from the Council's Strategic Manager, Daniel Moncrieff who provided a detailed update on the strategic partnership between SCC and 'The Shaw Trust' to deliver homes for complex children and young people including homes for children, high needs fostering and therapeutic education. | Completed |

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| Information Items | | Noted the following: (a) Task & Finish Group Report on School Exclusions – report to Cabinet 23 September 2020 (b) Elective home education – report to Committee 3 March 2021 | Completed |
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Issues brought forward from last tracker 2017-2022 term of office

- Update from Joint informal workshop with A&H Committee to include Transition arrangements – preparing for adulthood
- Roll out of pantry project etc and support to children & families

The CYPP 2022 - 2025 had been produced following a multi-agency process. The CYPP had three priorities: keeping children and young people safe (priority 1); supporting physical and emotional health and resilience (priority 2); enabling young people to learn and thrive (priority 3)

[Somerset Children & Young People's Plan – SSCP \(safeguardingsomerset.org.uk\)](http://safeguardingsomerset.org.uk)

Version as at 13.09.22

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| 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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