

Scrutiny Committee - Children & Families Outcome Tracker 2023 - 24

Agenda items	Lead / Owner	Agreed Outcome	RAG Status
4 May 2023			
SEND Strategy	Rob Hart, Andrew Keefe	<p>Received presentation on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy and update on Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) - developed as a response to the 2 remaining areas of weakness after the 2022 Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection. These are partnership plans, jointly owned by the Council and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and developed in partnership with education providers and parent carers and other partners.</p> <p>The new SEND Strategy has been approved by the ICB and the SEND Partnership Board – a 3-year programme for improving SEND services and outcomes. The APP is a 12-month action plan and was submitted to the Department for Education on 21 March 2023 and has now been approved.</p> <p>Noted the Autism Strategy is in development.</p> <p>The Committee noted the update. Will provide 6 monthly progress updates (progress on the 29 ‘missions’)</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>progress update in 6 months’ time (now Dec ‘23 mtg)</p>
12 July 2023			
Children’s Mental Health and Wellbeing in Somerset	Dr Tim Cockerill and colleagues	<p>Detailed Presentation received, which included an update on the Trauma Informed Somerset practice model and implementation.</p> <p>Details on Regional Summit in autumn to be shared with Committee. Noted position re recruitment of coordinator and the system wide trauma informed training offer.</p>	<p>progress update in 6 months’ time</p> <p>January ‘24</p>
13 September 2023			

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2023/24 Children's Services - Budget Monitoring	Sian Kenny	<p>The Committee received a presentation on the 23/24 Children's Services budget as at the end of July 2023 (Month 4).</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Home to School Transport review be circulated asap. (b) EHCP's – paper be circulated explain how they come about, process, numbers (c) Next budget report needs to include table showing current budget position and also more detail on 'risks' to help the Committee delve deeper. (d) IMPOWER early intervention and support / diagnostic review – paper be circulated providing more detail / information 	<p>On going</p> <p>Done - FA</p> <p>Rob Hart (Dec mtg)</p> <p>Sian Kenny</p> <p>Richard Selwyn – will share Sufficiency Strategy at future meeting - item on CLA commissioning (outline challenges and programme to improve outcomes and sufficiency) – Jan mtg</p>
Education Modelling – Frome – next steps	Ameila Walker, Phil Curd	<p>The Committee received a presentation which provided an update on the on-going work and discussions about education structures in the Frome area.</p> <p>The Committee welcomed and noted the update. Invited to update & come back if need to.</p>	

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Regional Adoption Agency	Jayne Shelbourne-Barrow	<p>The Committee considered a report regarding the proposed changes to the Regional Adoption Agency (Adopt South West)</p> <p>This sought the Committees' views on the request from Cornwall Council to join the regional adoption agency (Adopt South West) link to the report. The Committee was generally supportive of the proposal for Cornwall to join and asked that the position regarding the recent Ofsted judgement for the Isles of Scilly be included in the decision report (Executive – mtg on 6 October '23).</p> <p>The Committee also asked to be provided with further details on the percentage / figures detailed in the paper, for clarification.</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Adopt South West</p>
Information Items		<p>Noted that the briefing on Education Data will now be circulated after the meeting. There will be a presentation on this at the November meeting.</p>	
Joint meeting with Adults and Health Scrutiny on 25 October 2023			
Dentistry and children and young people's access to dentistry and child oral health improvement	NHS Somerset / ICB and Public Health	<p>The Committee received a presentation from NHS Somerset on the provision of NHS Dental Services in Somerset, and a position statement on child oral health improvement, provided by Public Health.</p> <p>The Chair requested (a) a briefing be provided to cover the questions raised during discussions, around early years, sign-posting, primary care recovery plan, route for queries to be funneled; noted that service is creating a webinar (across the SW region); (b) an update to the Committee on issues raised in 4 – 6 months.</p> <p>Link to NHS dental statistical data information</p> <p>The Committee welcomed and noted the update.</p>	<p>Update to a Joint mtg or Adults & Health cttee</p>

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Somerset approach to reducing smoking and youth vaping	Kate Anderson Rachel Handley	<p>The Committee received a presentation from Public Health Team and engaged in discussions and debate of the points raised. The presentation raised several important and informative points.</p> <p>The Committee agreed a recommendation that they wished to present to The Executive and unanimously agreed would write to the Executive in relation to electronic cigarettes, as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee asked that the current government consultation (link to the consultation Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping: your views - Department of Health and Social Care (dhsc.gov.uk) be shared with all members who are encouraged to complete and promote locally in their divisions. The consultation runs to 6 December. 2. The Committee asked that Licensing committee be asked to review and action stronger enforcement of the sale of these devices in line with the current legal position. 3. The Committee asked that the 'Quit tool not cool tool' slogan, as highlighted by the presentation be supported and promoted in the council. 4. The Committee requested that Council take a position with regard to seeking government to work at increasing legislation around electronic cigarettes, that included but not conclusive:- a ban of the use of single use devices with exception of use to support stopping smoking, a ban on child targeting (advertising and packaging), an introduction of plain packaging that would include a health warning, an introduction of an increasing age ban on sales of these devices in line with the change made to cigarette sales. 	On going
15 November 2023			
2023/24 Children's Services - Budget Monitoring	Sian Kenny	<p>The Committee received a presentation on the 23/24 Children's Services budget and a verbal update on the month 6 position, which is showing a slight increase in forecast overspend (£11.8m to £12.4m).</p> <p>A key area of deficit is the DSG, High Needs Block and will include more detail on this and the 2 areas overspending in the next update to the Committee.</p>	On going

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Update on Children's Transformation Programme / Business Plan	Claire Winter / Caroline Barnes	<p>The Committee received a presentation on Children's Transformation Programme / Business Plan. The transformation priorities are – sufficiency, efficiency, managing risks (slide 8). The 4 strategies underpinning the priorities 2023 - 2026 (slide 9) are –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education for Life • CLA Transformation • SEND Strategy • Connect Somerset <p>The Chair asked that the committee think further on these areas and at the next meeting will ask for volunteers, to act as champions for each area.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Discuss at Dec mtg</p>
Education finance consultation	Amelia Walker	<p>The Committee received a presentation on the Education Finance consultation on how can meet education funding challenges in Somerset, and which concluded on 10 November 2023. There were 346 responses to the consultation survey. The committee discussed the areas which it is proposed will be developed further into detailed, costed options for consultation.</p> <p>The Chair asked for clarification around 'banding' at next meeting, referenced on slide 7.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Dec mtg – part of SEND update agenda item.</p>
Standing Panel for Education Standards	Cllr Evie Potts-Jones	<p>The Committee received an update from the Chair of the Education Standards Panel, Cllr Evie Potts-Jones. The first, introductory meeting had been held on 26 October. Going forward the Panel will recommend items or certain data for the Scrutiny Committee to discuss.</p> <p>The Committee welcomed and noted the update.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

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 \(safeguardingsomerset.org.uk\)](https://safeguardingsomerset.org.uk)

Completed	Action complete and will be removed from tracker for next meeting
Pending	Action on-going or plans in place to address.

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Incomplete

No action currently in place with a minimum of 3 months since action agreed.

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