

Meetings Overview 2023 – 2024

Scrutiny Committee - Children and Families

The Committee held 9 formal meetings and considered a broad number of issues at its meetings in the 2023 – 2024 Municipal Year, and these have included: -

Topic	Meeting (s)
LA maintained schools core offer - update	4 May 2023
Education Standards standing panel	4 May 2023 15 November 2023 13 March 2024
SEND Strategy and accelerated progress plan	4 May 2023
Reforms in children’s social care – draft consultation response	4 May 2023
Task and Finish Group – external placements	4 May 2023 13 September 2023
Task and Finish Group – home to school transport	4 May 2023 10 July 2023
Questions from public	10 July 2023
Budget outturn position and 2023/24 budget monitoring	10 July 2023 13 September 2023 15 November 2023 12 December 2023 10 January 2024 13 March 2024
Academisation Finance Policy and Procedure	10 July 2023
Update on Homes and Horizons Partnership	10 July 2023
Children’s mental health and wellbeing in Somerset & Somerset system wide support for children and young people who self-injure	10 July 2023 13 March 2024
Somerset YJB Plan	10 July 2023
Education modelling – Frome area	13 September 2023
Regional Adoption Agency	13 September 2023
West Somerset Opportunity Area - learning	13 September 2023
Dentistry and children and young people’s access to dentistry and child oral health improvement	Joint meeting with Adults & Health – 25 October 2023
Preparing for adulthood	Joint meeting with Adults & Health – 25 October 2023

Somerset approach to reducing smoking and youth vaping	Joint meeting with Adults & Health – 25 October 2023
Children’s Services Transformation Priorities / areas - 2023 - 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education for Life • CLA Transformation • SEND Strategy • Connect Somerset 	15 November 2023 12 December 2023 13 March 2024
Education Finance - consultation	15 November 2023
Education Health and Care Assessment & Plan 2022-23 – progress update	12 December 2023 13 March 2024
Connect Somerset	12 December 2023
Sufficiency Strategy for children looked after and care leavers – 2023-28	10 January 2024
Update on short break provision (respite)	10 January 2024 15 May 2024
Education Place Planning	10 January 2024
Budget Scrutiny (Scrutiny Cttee – Corporate & Resources)	2 February 2024
DSG Deficit Management Plan	13 March 2024
Understanding Elective Home Education	13 March 2024
Education for Life – Progress on Years 2 -5	15 May 2024
Update on DBS checks	15 May 2024
‘Care characteristics’ - update	15 May 2024
Committee members invited to attend other meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing related support and accommodation (Scrutiny Cttee – Communities) • Overview of Crime & Disorder (Scrutiny Cttee – Adults & Health) • Annual Report of Director of Public Health (Scrutiny Cttee – Adults & Health) 	9 August 2023 7 December 2023 8 February 2024
Considered the work plan, outcome tracker, Executive Forward Plan	Each meeting
Items for information	Each meeting