

Education and Children’s Social Care OSC

Work Programme 2023/24



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Date of meeting	Agenda item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for Consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member /Officer
18 July 2023	Unregistered Placements	(4)	Key strand of Improvement work for Children’s Services.	Councillor Jemima Laing/Nigel Denning
	Improvement Plan	(5)	Key strand of scrutiny work for the Committee following Ofsted report.	Councillor Jemima Laing/Nigel Denning
	Contextualised Safeguarding	(3)	For the Committee to be updated on Child Exploitation within the city.	Councillor Jemima Laing/Nigel Denning
	Finance Monitoring Report	(3)	Standing item.	Matthew Fulton
	Performance Scorecard and Risk Register	(3)	Standing item to consider key risks and performance.	Ross Jago/Paul Stephens/Hannah Daw
12 September 2023	Improvement Plan	(5)	Key strand of scrutiny work for the Committee following Ofsted report.	Councillor Jemima Laing/Nigel Denning
	Unregistered Placements	(3)	Key strand of Improvement work for Children’s Services.	Councillor Jemima Laing/Nigel Denning
	VAWG Update	(4)	For the Committee to evaluate key issues around domestic abuse. Ofsted noted key issues affecting Children’s Social Care.	Councillor Jemima Laing/Nigel Denning/Meghan Field

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	Children and Young People's emotional wellbeing and mental health (School avoidance)	(4)	For the Committee to consider recommendations from the Mental Health Select Committee in relation to Children's Social Care and Education.	Clare Hetherington/Health colleagues
	NEET and SEET Strategy	(4)	For the Committee to scrutinise both strategies.	Councillor Sally Cresswell/Annie Gammon
	SEND Update	(5)	For the Committee to review Ofsted's report	Councillor Sally Cresswell/Annie Gammon
	Finance Monitoring Report	(3)	Standing item.	Matthew Fulton
	Performance Scorecard and Risk	(3)	Standing item to consider key risks and performance.	Ross Jago/Paul Stephens/Hannah Daw
7 November 2023	Improvement Plan scorecard	(5)	Key strand of scrutiny work for the Committee following Ofsted report.	Councillor Jemima Laing/Nigel Denning
	SEND Improvement Update	(5)	Key strand of scrutiny work for the Committee following Ofsted report.	Councillor Sally Cresswell/Annie Gammon
	Interim school attainment	(4)	For the Committee to receive an update on interim attainment	Councillor Sally Cresswell/Annie Gammon
	Contextualised safeguarding update	(3)	Update from the July meeting.	Councillor Jemima Laing/Nigel Denning
	Finance Monitoring Report	(3)	Standing item.	Matthew Fulton
	Performance Scorecard and Risk	(3)	Standing item to consider key risks and performance.	Ross Jago/Paul Stephens/Hannah Daw

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13 February 2024	Education, Participation and Skill annual report	(5)	Annual report which would look at all aspects of the service.	Councillor Sally Cresswell/Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills
	Review Children and Young People's emotional wellbeing and mental health	(3)	Review following item held on 12 September 2023.	Clare Hetherington/Health
	Attendance Strategy	(4)	For the Committee to provide scrutiny to the new attendance strategy.	Councillor Sally Cresswell/Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills
	COVID Legacy for Plymouth children in Education	(3)	For the Committee to understand the COVID Legacy for all children in education/not in education.	Councillor Sally Cresswell/Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills
	Finance Monitoring Report	(3)	Standing item.	Matthew Fulton
	Performance Scorecard and Risk	(3)	Standing item to consider key risks and performance.	Ross Jago/Paul Stephens/Hannah Daw
Items Raised by the Committee to be scheduled for 2023/24				
2023/24	Adopt South West – Annual Review	(3)	Standing item	TBC
2023/24	Cost of Living for Education	(4)	Identified for consideration by the Committee at its July 2023 meeting.	Councillor Sally Cresswell/Anie Gammon/TBC
Issues Identified for Select Committee Reviews				

		Yes (=1)	Evidence
Public Interest	Is it an issue of concern to partners, stakeholders and/or the community?		
Ability	Could Scrutiny have an influence?		
Performance	Is this an area of underperformance?		
Extent	Does the topic affect people living, working or studying in more than one electoral ward of Plymouth?		
Replication	Will this be the only opportunity for public scrutiny?		
	Is the topic due planned to be the subject of an Executive Decision?		
	Total:		High/Medium/Low

Priority	Score
High	5-6
Medium	3-4
Low	1-2