

Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel

Work Programme 2024/25



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Date of meeting	Agenda item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for Consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member /Officer
18 July	Child Exploitation	4	Scrutiny request to have a report yearly and to review current and changing themes in the City.	Martine Aquilina
	Performance Scorecard	4	KPI’s for the performance of Children’s Social Care and Education, Participation and Skills Services.	Paul Stephens
	SEND Sufficiency Commission Strategy	5	To review the proposed strategy for the City.	Amanda Paddison
	Childrens Services Improvement and transformation plan	5	To review Children’s services improvement and transformation plan. This item would see young people involvement and to hear their views on the plan.	Vivien Lines
	Education, Employment and Training Review	4	To include Care experienced children and care leavers.	Tina Brinkworth
10 October	Elective Home Education in Plymouth	20 mins	Report on the numbers of children and young people being increasingly electively home educated. To include reasons and what the Local Authority was doing to ensure children and young people were receiving a good education.	Isabelle Morgan
	Family Homes for Plymouth Children	20 mins	To understand the programme and how the authority was trying to increase family homes for Plymouth’s children.	Temilola Salimon
	Inclusive practice to address exclusions and suspensions in Plymouth	1 hr	MATS to be invited. Youth Parliament (Jenny Way) to be invited and seek children and young people’s views.	Lisa Linscott

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	Plymouth Safeguarding Childrens Board Annual Report	20 mins	Scrutiny to have an update from the Safeguarding Children's Board.	Siobhan Logue
	Early Help Strategy	25 mins	To include information on Family Hubs.	Martine Aquilina
	Children in the criminal justice system	20 mins	How are Children's services engaging with children in the criminal justice system.	Ian Taylor
	CYPFS Transformation Q1		For Scrutiny to evaluate the progress of the improvement plans.	Vivien Lines
14 November	Educational Attainment		To include data on the cared for children cohort.	Jim Barnicott
	Alternative Provision Assurance Report			Jim Barnicott
	Performance Scorecard Q2			Paul Stephens/Susan London
	CYPFS Improvement Plan Q2 Progress Report			Temilola Salimon/Vivien Lines
	Attendance/Children Missing Education and Mobility			Jim Barnicott
	Child Exploitation and the Philomena Protocol		Join up with the Police for this report and to include information such as the Philomena Protocol	Martine Aquilina / Police
6 February	CYPF Transformation Q2 Review		For Scrutiny to review the transformation plan for CYPFS.	Vivien Lines

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Items Raised by the Committee to be scheduled for 2024/25				
2024/25	Cost of Living for Education	(4)	Identified for consideration by the Committee at its July 2023 meeting.	Councillor Sally Cresswell
	Transitions to adulthood	(4)	Key component of improvement work	
	Youth Justice Annual Report			Ian Taylor
	Traveller Community	(3)		
	Toileting in schools	(3)	Young Safeguarders	
	Projection of school numbers and capacity			
	Young Female Violence Programme			
	School Uniform Policy			
	Free School Meals			
Issues Identified for Select Committee Reviews				
	Emotional Health and Wellbeing of children		Inclusion/Persistent absence/Child death/SEND/EHCP's/Toileting/temp accommodation	