


Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel – Tracking Decisions 2024/25

	Resolution	Target Date, Officer Responsible and Progress
13)	Officers to revisit the attendance campaign work and spread wider	<p>Date: November 2024</p> <p>Progress: The Strong Start to September attendance campaign was a low-key alternative to a bigger campaign. In partnership with Plymouth Marjon’s university, the citywide parent and child survey on school attendance is confirmed to go ‘live’ at the end of February 2025. The learning from the research will inform a bigger attendance campaign which will launch in the summer term.</p> <p>This action would be marked as complete.</p> <p> Strong Start to September campaign</p> <p>Officer: Isabelle Kolinsky</p>
14)	CAMHS waiting times would be provided to Councillor McLay.	<p>Date: November 2024</p> <p>Progress: Awaiting an update from Health on CAMHS waiting times.</p> <p>Officer: Health</p>
15)	Councillors would be provided the policy on Free School Meals and Bus Pass entitlements.	<p>Date: January 2024</p> <p>Progress: Free School Meals was added to the work programme.</p> <p>Update sought from the officer in January.</p> <p>Officer: Beverly Kerswell</p>
16)	A Councillor briefing session on home education would be arranged	<p>Date: November/December 2024</p> <p>Progress: Briefing held on 05 December 2024 and this action is complete.</p> <p>Officer: Jake Metcalfe</p>

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17)	The Chair of the Plymouth Children's Safeguarding Partnership Board would write to faith groups in the city to be part of the Board.	<p>Date: 6 February 2025</p> <p>Progress: Complete.</p> <p>Officer: David Haley</p>
18)	A whole Council Councillor briefing would be arranged on early help in Plymouth.	<p>Date: 06 February 2025</p> <p>Progress: Action to be completed by the end of the municipal year.</p> <p>Officer: Jake Metcalfe</p>
19)	Councillors of the Panel would be invited to be introduced to the detached youth service team before receiving a briefing and then having the opportunity to go out with them and be part of some of the work undertaken.	<p>Date: 06 February 2025</p> <p>Progress: Attempts made to find a date have been made, action to be completed by the end of the municipal year.</p> <p>Officer: Jake Metcalfe</p>
20)	Education officers would advise how protected playing fields were, to allow for the provision of physical education.	<p>Date: February 2025</p> <p>Progress: Response to be provided to Members of the Panel by the end of February 2025.</p> <p>Officer: Lisa Linscott</p>
21)	Three-year trend data of absence categorisation would be provided to Scrutiny Members	<p>Date: February 2025</p> <p>Progress: Report to be provided to Members of the Panel by the end of February 2025.</p> <p>Officer: Isabelle Kolinsky</p>
22)	Data on how long a child/young person would wait for a school place would be provided to the Panel. Cllr McNamara would be provided data of how many children were waiting at the upper end of the wait time.	<p>Date: February 2025</p> <p>Progress: Report to be provided to Members of the Panel by the end of February 2025.</p> <p>Officer: Isabelle Kolinsky</p>

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Recommendations:

1)	For Plymouth City Council to collaborate with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council in the delivery of in house residential provision.	Plymouth City Council and Rotherham City Council collaborated in December 2024. David Haley (DCS) also met with his equivalent in Rotherham to understand challenges faced in the delivery of in house residential provision.
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