

### Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel – Action Log 2025/26

Minute No.	Resolution	Target Date, Officer Responsible and Progress
2024/2025 Municipal Year	A whole Council Councillor briefing would be arranged on early help in Plymouth.	<p><b>Date:</b> 06 February 2025</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Initial discussions taken place around subject matter. Confirmation of the subject matter to be emailed to Jake in order to find dates. Week identified in early November to provide the briefing, invites to the Panel would go out w/c 29/09/25.</p> <p><b>Officer:</b> Jake Metcalfe/Martine Aquilina/Sarah Hood</p>
2024/2025 Municipal Year	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><b>Date:</b> 06 February 2025</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Two members of the Committee were identified as part of this action and work was underway to identify dates for this to be completed.</p> <p><b>Officer:</b> Jake Metcalfe</p>
2024/2025 Municipal Year	Education officers would advise how protected playing fields were, to allow for the provision of physical education.	<p><b>Date:</b> February 2025</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> This was identified as a legal question and Alison Critchfield was engaged to provide a response to Cllr Wood.</p> <p><b>Officer:</b> Alison Critchfield</p>
2024/2025 Municipal Year	The Committee would be provided the total amount of financial support provided by the Council to Care Leavers when attending University.	<p><b>Date:</b> February 2025</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Completed.</p> <p><b>Officer:</b> Lee Earnshaw/Karen Blake</p>
2024/2025 Municipal Year	The work of the project board for Transitions would look to involve the Plymouth Parent Carer	<p><b>Date:</b> February 2025</p> <p><b>Progress:</b></p>

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	Voice with the specific theme of oversaturation of services and whether families felt overwhelmed.	<b>Officer:</b> Amanda Davis
2024/2025 Municipal Year	Lisa McDonald would speak with the NHS to enquire as to whether the Oliver McGowan training for Learning Disabilities and Autism could be included within the next wave of mandatory training for the Local Area.	<b>Date:</b> February 2025  <b>Progress:</b> Discussion with the ICB commissioner – training is only free for NHS and some modules for social care practitioners. Discussing costings and relevance to LA officers & whether any appropriate modules currently exist  <b>Officer:</b> Lisa McDonald
2024/2025 Municipal Year	The service would review the holiday and food programme to ensure it was inclusive off all children in the city.	<b>Date:</b> February 2025  <b>Progress:</b>  <b>Officer:</b> Amanda Davis
16 July 2025  Minute 6: Children's Services Achieving Excellence Improvement and Transformation Plan	A briefing report would be written to show how the service has improved the quality assurance processes to be more explicit about the difference the service was making for children and young people by discussing The 10 Wishes in social work supervision.	<b>Target Date:</b> January 2026  <b>Officer(s) Responsible:</b> Fran Giblin  <b>Progress:</b> This action is in progress and has a target end date of January 2026, in which a further report would be provided to the Scrutiny Panel to review.


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16 July 2025  Minute 6: Children's Services Achieving Excellence Improvement and Transformation Plan	Vivien Lines would speak with the participation member around ideas to engage more young people to seek their view.	<p><b>Target Date:</b> August 2025</p> <p><b>Officer(s) Responsible:</b> Vivien Lines/Stuart Hogg</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Vivien to discuss a communications plan with Alice to see how best to promote the work and achievements of the service to children and young people. Participation Team have a plan in place to align work more closely with that of the quality assurance team and wider service with the aim to reach more young people with lived experiences of those we are trying to explore or improve. (Plan to be fully implemented by end October)</p>
16 July 2025  Minute 6: Children's Services Achieving Excellence Improvement and Transformation Plan	Social worker appraisals in the summer would discuss how they were learning about the views and aspirations of children and young people.	<p><b>Target Date:</b> August 2025</p> <p><b>Officer(s) Responsible:</b> David Haley</p> <p><b>Progress:</b></p>
16 July 2025  Minute 7: Youth Justice Annual Report	A briefing report would be provided around disproportionality and would include further information including a deeper analysis. The report would also reflect on gender and girls and how the service was adapting to meet the needs of groups	<p><b>Target Date:</b> September 2025</p> <p><b>Officer(s) Responsible:</b> Martine Aquilina/Sarah Wilson</p> <p><b>Progress: Completed.</b></p>

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	of young people. The action plan to address disproportionality would also be provided.							
16 July 2025  Minute 8: Performance Scorecard	Data to be provided over a longer period of time on key highlights such as the numbers of children in care to factor in pre and post-COVID.	<p><b>Target Date:</b> August 2025</p> <p><b>Officer(s) Responsible:</b> Paul Stephens/Susan London</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Following response provided on 22 July.</p> <p>Please can we remind members of the Scrutiny Committee that Annex 2 within the Performance Report provides both councillors and members of the public with open access to our published statistics.</p> <div><p><b>4. ANNEX 2: OTHER SOURCES OF PUBLISHED INFORMATION</b></p><table><tr><td><b>LG Inform</b>  The local area benchmarking tool from the Local Government Association</td><td><a href="https://lginform.local.gov.uk/">https://lginform.local.gov.uk/</a></td></tr><tr><td><b>GOV.UK - Explore education statistics</b>  Find related information and other statistical services provided by the Department for Education (DfE)</td><td><a href="https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/">https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/</a></td></tr><tr><td><b>Children's Social Care - Outcomes and Enablers</b>  This dashboard displays data indicators to help both local and central government understand progress towards the outcomes and enablers set out in the Children's Social Care National Framework</td><td><a href="https://department-for-education.shinyapps.io/csc-outcomes-enablers/">https://department-for-education.shinyapps.io/csc-outcomes-enablers/</a></td></tr></table></div> <p>This section was added following a request from a member of the committee to include a 10 year back-series, however other councillors did not want this level of historical data added as they felt we needed to look at the now, not the past. To provide access to additional information for those who want it, I therefore provided the links. I also advised the committee that councillors were free to contact me individually if they wanted to take a 'supported' look at the published information.</p>	<b>LG Inform</b>  The local area benchmarking tool from the Local Government Association	<a href="https://lginform.local.gov.uk/">https://lginform.local.gov.uk/</a>	<b>GOV.UK - Explore education statistics</b>  Find related information and other statistical services provided by the Department for Education (DfE)	<a href="https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/">https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/</a>	<b>Children's Social Care - Outcomes and Enablers</b>  This dashboard displays data indicators to help both local and central government understand progress towards the outcomes and enablers set out in the Children's Social Care National Framework	<a href="https://department-for-education.shinyapps.io/csc-outcomes-enablers/">https://department-for-education.shinyapps.io/csc-outcomes-enablers/</a>
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16 July 2025  Minute 9: Local Area SEND Improvement Plan	The service would provide a report on the government's plans for the future of SEND and EHCPs and how those changes are communicated to families in the city. This would also be added to the work programme for a future Panel meeting.	<b>Target Date:</b> November 2025  <b>Officer(s) Responsible:</b> David Haley/Amanda Davis  <b>Progress:</b> Dates to be identified.
16 July 2025  Minute 9: Local Area SEND Improvement Plan	A briefing for Members of the Panel would be undertaken on the Dedicated Schools Grant.	<b>Target Date:</b> September 2025  <b>Officer(s) Responsible:</b> Amanda Davis  <b>Progress:</b> Dates to be identified.
16 July 2025  Minute 9: Local Area SEND Improvement Plan	A letter to the relevant Minister would be drafted from the Panel advising that Plymouth had exhausted its school estate and needed more funding for physical spaces for children in the city. The letter would highlight the numbers of children that	<b>Target Date:</b> ASAP  <b>Officer(s) Responsible:</b> David Haley/Amanda Davis  <b>Progress:</b>

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	needed to attend specialist provision out of the city and the requirement of more capacity in the city through capital funding.	
16 July 2025  Minute 11: School Readiness	The Dolly Parton library would be communicated out to Plymouth City Council Councillors in order to promote the project to the wider community. The Communications team would also be engaged to promote this wider.	<b>Target Date:</b> August 2025  <b>Officer(s) Responsible:</b> Amanda Davis/Alice Pope  <b>Progress:</b> Action completed and a communications piece was put onto PCC’s social media.