Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel
Work Programme 2025/26

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Please note that the work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice. The information in this work programme is intended to be of strategic relevance.

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Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for Consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member/Lead Officer
18 February 2026	Annual Education Outcomes Report (Final Report)		Comparative data – over a number of years Attendance comparative data. To provide a young person friendly version. To also include a breakdown by gender and SEND.	Cllr Cresswell/ Amanda Davis/ Isabelle Kolinsky
	Children's Services Finance Monitoring		Financial Monitoring Q3	Cllr Cresswell/ Cllr Laing/ Matt Fulton
	Performance Scorecard		Standing item. To ensure EHCP timeliness data is included.	Cllr Cresswell/ Cllr Laing/ Paul Stephens
	Local Area SEND Inspection update		Inspection update following the SEND inspection in November. Strengths and challenges.	Cllr Cresswell / David Haley/ Amanda Davis
	30 Hours Free Childcare		How is this going? Are there any issues/concerns? Are schools having to fill funding gaps? Catered, what is the plan, how will it affect schools and children in the city?	Cllr Cresswell/ Amanda Davis
	Children's Services AI		Report to provide an understanding on what was being done in the AI space to aid Children's services workforce and ensure workers spent more time with the families they were working with.	Cllr Taylor/ Si Bellamy/ Lisa Davis
Items to be scheduled for 2025/26				
2025/26	Childrens Social Media use and impact on education	3	To understand the impacts of children's social media use in school and what the issues were being faced in school. *(Agreed to add at the 06 February 2025 Scrutiny Panel meeting)*	Cllr Cresswell / Cllr Aspinall / EPS / School Reps / Young people`

	Female Empowerment Programmes	3	For the Panel to receive a report on the empowerment programmes and to have young people involvement. *(Agreed to add at the 06 February 2025 Scrutiny Panel meeting)* To be scheduled for the first meeting of the new municipal year	Cllr Laing / Martine Aquilina
	Young Carers: Implementation of Carers Strategy for CYP.		Been to Cabinet in November. Likely request to have an update on how this was going?	
	SEND White Paper review			
Items to be scheduled for 2026/27				
2026/27	Belonging Framework and Place Based Plan		Scrutiny requested a further update to review its implementation.	Rob Williams/Amanda Davis/Isabelle Kolinsky
	Families First Partnership Programme reforms		Added at the meeting that took place in December 2025.	
	Elective Home Education		Update following meeting held in December 2025.	
	SEND White Paper Review		Added at the meeting that took place in December 2025.	
Items Identified for Select Committee Reviews				
	Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing	5	Agreed by Scrutiny Management Board in February 2025.	Health, CYPFS, EPS, Voluntary Sector, young people, Cllr Aspinall, Cllr Laing, Cllr Cresswell.

Scrutiny Prioritisation Tool

		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**