

# Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2021-2022



**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.**

For general enquiries relating to the Council's Scrutiny function, including this Committee's work programme, please contact Helen Rickman, Democratic Advisor on 01752 398444.

Date of meeting	Agenda item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member / Officer
17 November 2021	Home Education – Children missing education		Numbers of children being home educated has been increased, what is the current position? The Committee would like reassurance to know that children and young people are thriving.	Ming Zhang
	Innovate – Workforce		Update to tell us how that work is going and to focus on the exit strategy. Reassurance is it effective and working? Having an impact on caseloads? Retaining our social workers? Whether the exit strategy is on target and on time? If it does need to be extended, why has the initial contract not worked?	Jean Kelly
	Financial Monitoring		To review the budget	David Northey/Helen Slater
	Young Carers		Update on work, update on young carers support within education and how we're identifying and reaching as many young carers as we can.	Ming Zhang
	Inclusion Strategy Board		What is the Strategy Boards remit and priorities.	Ming Zhang
	REACH Academy		Update on the merge of year groups and how this has affected children and young people.	Ming Zhang

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	COVID Update (Verbal)		Update from Education and Children's Social Care.	Ming Zhang and Jean Kelly
<b>16 February 2022</b>	Home to School Transport			Ming Zhang
	CSE Update / Missing and Child Exploitation action plan			Jean Kelly
	School Attainment			Ming Zhang
	Children's Mental Health Select Committee update			Councillor David James
	Everyone's Invited Review – What have schools done?			Ming Zhang
	Care Leavers and Barnardo's Care Journeys			Jean Kelly
	Early Years		Landscape and what it looks. What impact is the board hoping to have?	Ming Zhang
	Financial Monitoring			David Northey/Helen Slater
<b>Items to be scheduled</b>				
Review report – Adopt South West				
Select Committee Reviews				
Regional Schools Commissioner				
Early Years				
Changes to pupil premium				
Finance Monitoring				
Sufficiency Strategy for Placements				
Children in Care and Foster placements review (6 months)				
Unregulated placements				
Out of Hours Reshaping				
Education Improvements				
Plymouth Education Board and Work programme				
Changes to Pupil Premium				
<b>To be scheduled</b>				

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<b>Joint Select Committee Reviews</b>				

**Annex I – 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?		
	<b>Total:</b>		High/Medium/Low

Priority	Score
<b>High</b>	<b>5-6</b>
<b>Medium</b>	<b>3-4</b>
<b>Low</b>	<b>1-2</b>