

Children's Select Committee (CSC) – Forward work programme Updated 14 November 2024

Standing items (at all meetings)

Title - Details / purpose	Type	Report author / lead
Safety Valve update – summary of recent developments, successes and issues	Written	Ben Stevens
Update from Wiltshire Youth Voice - summary of recent activities	Written	Joe Sutton/Gary Norton-Sanders
School Ofsted Judgements - effectiveness of schools as seen by Ofsted Inspection.	Written	Louise Lewis
DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education	Written	David Harris
Working together to improve school attendance - latest requirements of the non-statutory guidance the DfE published in May 2022 to apply from September 2022.	Written	John Spring
Schools Forum's update - very brief update on key items from the last meeting of Schools Forum	Written	Lisa Pullin
Corporate Parenting Panel update - brief update highlighting key items from the last meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel	Written	Lisa Pullin
Directors' update/Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holders' update/Chair's update Verbal updates highlighting any key issues (current or emerging), successes or milestones in their respective areas since the last meeting of the committee, which may not require a full agenda item and are not covered elsewhere on this agenda.	Verbal	All directors Cabinet Members and Portfolio holders Chair

Current/Active Task Groups

Name Terms of reference/aims	Membership	Start date
<p>Children’s Select Committee’s Standing Task Group</p> <p>Detailed reviews of the regular reports that come within the Children’s Select Committee’s remit and to present any key issues, findings and recommendations to the Children’s Select Committee, and / or other relevant committees, for discussion, endorsement or further scrutiny where appropriate.</p>	<p>Cllr Helen Belcher John Hawkins Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair) Cllr Jacqui Lay Cllr Jo Trigg</p>	<p>n/a standing TG</p>
<p>Adoption West Joint Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>The panel acts as a critical friend, providing independent scrutiny of the work of Adoption West (AW). It is an essential element of assuring democratic accountability for the use of public funds.</p>	<p>Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair)</p>	<p>n/a standing panel</p>
<p>Children and Young Peoples Mental Health services and developments</p> <p>Proposed over three meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review of needs assessment undertaken and outcomes / analysis b. What is being done elsewhere? Both national / regional comparison as well as what third sector is doing in Wiltshire (will link with Youth Network - and others - as witnesses for this part) c. Proposal for future service(s) with a focus on the outcomes sought (and how these would be measured and monitored) <p>NB – consideration to be given on how to get young people’s views (may be survey promoted by different providers / groups). (OS/Exec meeting 2024).</p>	<p>Cllr Caroline Corbin Cllr Carol King Cllr Gordon King Cllr Jo Trigg</p>	<p>14.11.2024</p>

Meeting Date	Item	Details/Purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Lead Officer/Author
15 Jan 2025	Safety Valve – one year review	Report to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline and plan to enable future monitoring; • Financial impact; • Service impact (for “customers”). Aim – to determine if OS is required.	Kathryn Davis	Cllr Jane Davies/ Cllr Laura Mayes	Ben Stevens
15 Jan 2025	Children and Young People Health Wellbeing Survey – “so what” / analysis report	To consider actions taken from the responses to the survey (from CSC Jan 2024/ OS Exec Meeting May 2024)	Kate Blackburn	Cllr Laura Mayes	Sally Johnson
15 Jan 2025	Youth Strategy	To review progress on actions of the executive response to the Youth Provision and youth area board funding	David Redfern	Cllr Ashley O’Neill/Cllr Laura Mayes	Rhys Schell

		task group to include the youth strategy and draft amendments to the area board funding criteria before it is published. (from CSC Jan 2024)			
15 Jan 2025	Wiltshire Learning Alliance (WLA)	To receive feedback following a “relaunch” and advertising campaign in September for the WLA. (from OS/Exec meeting May 2024)	Kathryn Davis	Cllr Laura Mayes	Kathryn Davis
11 March 2025	Family Hub – one year review	To consider a report on the implementation of the Family Hub model, on the monitoring of performance and on plans for the year ahead. To include input from libraries and leisure.	Florah Shiringo David Redfern	Cllr Laura Mayes	Kai Muxlow

		This would inform the committee's legacy report in terms of any further scrutiny required. (from OS/Exec meeting May 2024)			
11 March 2025	Ofsted inspection outcome - Business plan update	To receive the updated Business Plan (from CSC Jan 2024)	Kathryn Davis	Cllr Laura Mayes	TBC
11 March 2025	Special Guardianship Orders	To receive an annual report on SGOs and other care orders (from CSC March 2024)	Florah Shiringo	Cllr Laura Mayes	Netty Lee
11 March 2025	Business Plan Update	To receive an update on the Business Plan relating to Children and Family Services. To include briefing on work of family health practitioners. (last received CSC March 2024)	Florah Shiring	Cllr Laura Mayes	TBC

11 June 2025	Access to NHS Dentistry	Update on work to improve access to dentistry for CYP. (Chair and Vice Chair to check progress since July 2024)	Kate Blackburn	Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	TBC
16 July 2025	Youth Justice	Briefing on work of Youth Justice Team (CSC July 2024)			
3 Sept 2025	Young Carers Annual Performance Report	To receive a performance report on the YC contract, including full set of KPIs.	Alison Elliott	Cllr Laura Mayes	TBC

Planned Rapid Scrutiny Exercises (to carry out this Council)

Homelessness (as relevant to Children's Services)	*Vacancies*	23 January 2025
To ensure the robustness of the Council's action plan and measures in place in response to Ofsted recommendations.	Cllr Trevor Carbin Cllr Iain Wallis	
Out of County Education		Nov 2024
To understand the impact of out of county education on young people. The focus will be on students who live in a catchment area for a secondary school outside of Wiltshire.		

<p>Education Performance Outcomes</p> <p>To set up a rapid scrutiny to understand in more depth the Year 6 performance figures, trends and outliers (CSC 12 March 2024)</p>		Nov 2024
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<p>Post 16 provision – task group</p> <p>To establish a clear picture of post-16 education provision available to young people in Wiltshire and availability of / options for transport to access that provision.</p> <p>This should also take into consideration the following information the committee had previously identified as of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the Youth Transport task group’s work and executive response – including National Bus Strategy and any decision or progress regarding a single “Wiltshire Youth Card” . • To include input from the council’s review of transport services for children and young people with SEND (commissioning team). 	<p>Cllr Jo Trigg Nikki Barnett Cllr Graham Wright Cllr Bridget Wayman Mr Michael Thompson</p> <p>Vacancies: 0</p> <p><i>Supporting officer</i> <i>Marie Gondlach</i></p> <p>Lead officers Kirstie Barter Cara Madden Clara Davies</p>	
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Rapid Scrutiny Exercises (deferred)

<p>Inclusion (on hold)</p> <p>To review currently available data on inclusion and determine if further scrutiny could add value. This may include a review of current exclusion data and whether the information available enables monitoring of impact for pupils with either EHCP or SEND. Links to Alternative Provision and Safety Valve should be considered in terms of the timing of this activity. (OS/Exec meeting 2024)</p>		
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Task Groups (deferred)

<p>School performance and attainment outcome</p> <p>To consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance • What can be done to improve results? • The role of the Wiltshire Learning Alliance (WLA) in delivering improvement <p>NB – information on the WLA is coming to the committee in November 2024 (OS/Exec meeting 2024)</p>	<p>Vacancies: 5</p>	<p><i>Origins: OS/Exec meeting 2024</i></p>
<p>Residential care and complex care</p> <p>Longer term support for children with more complex needs.</p> <p>To consider (by comparing with other models available):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaping of the service • How to ensure good outcomes for children <p>NB – this links to a tender process in the New Year (OS/Exec meeting 2024)</p>	<p>Vacancies: 5</p>	<p>Autumn</p> <p><i>Origins: OS/Exec meeting 2024</i></p>
<p>Budget and Major Contracts task group</p> <p>To regularly review implementation of the budget and impact on services, and to consider major contracts (value to be agreed) either when they are approaching renewal or extension or before the tender process with a focus on the council's expectations and requirements with regards to the quality, quantity and frequency of monitoring information provided by contractors and how that information will be monitored by the council (including overview and scrutiny involvement)</p>		

