

Children's Select Committee (CSC) – Forward work programme Task groups and rapid scrutiny exercises

Current / active task groups

Name (establishment date by CSC) Terms of reference / aims Meeting(s) update	Membership Vacancies Supporting officer	Start date Final report expected
<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><u>Meeting(s) update:</u> n/a</p>	<p>Cllr Helen Belcher John Hawkins Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair) Cllr Jacqui Lay Cllr Jo Trigg Cllr James Sheppard</p> <p>No vacancy</p> <p><i>Supporting officer</i> <i>Marie Gondlach</i></p>	<p>n/a - Standing task group</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><u>Meeting(s) update:</u> n/a</p>	<p>Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair) Cllr Carole King</p> <p>No vacancy</p> <p><i>Supporting officer:</i> <i>Marie Gondlach</i></p>	<p>n/a - Standing Panel</p>

Children's Select Committee – Proposed rapid scrutiny exercises

Name of Rapid Scrutiny exercise Terms of reference / aims (Origins)	Membership (vacancies)	Planned start date Final report expected
Education Performance Outcomes To set up a rapid scrutiny to understand in more depth the Year 6 performance figures, trends and outliers (CSC 12 March 2024)		Nov 2024
Inclusion 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)		Jan 2025
Homelessness (as relevant to Children's Services) To ensure the robustness of the council's action plan / measures in place in response to ILAPS / Ofsted recommendations (OS/Exec meeting 2024)		Early autumn

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School performance and attainment outcome		

<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>Children and Young Peoples Mental Health services and developments</p> <p>Proposed over three meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review of needs assessment undertaken and outcomes / analysis 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) 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 Jo Trigg Cllr Mark Verbinnen Cllr Carole King</p> <p>Vacancies: 1</p> <p><i>Supporting officer Marie Gondlach</i></p>	<p>ASAP – Report Sept 2024?</p>
<p>Post 16 provision – task group</p>	<p>Cllr Jo Trigg</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>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>	
<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>	<p>endorsed by CSC on 17 January 2023</p> <p>Vacancies: 5</p>	

Children's Select Committee – task groups and rapid scrutiny exercises completed in the last 12 months

Name	Final report
Actions / monitoring	Executive response
Rapid Scrutiny exercise on Provision of Accommodation for Young People at Transition Time - Gap Analysis Cllr Carole King (Lead), Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jo Trigg	19 January 2022 15 Mrch 2022
Disadvantaged Learners Task Group Cllr Jo Trigg (Chair), Cllr Trevor Carbin, John Hawkins, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Caroline Thomas	7 June 2022 6 July 2022
High needs block funding Rapid Scrutiny Cllr Jo Trigg (Lead), Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Kathryn MacDermid	17 January 2023 06 June 2023
Youth provision and youth service funding – task group Cllr Helen Belcher, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Jac Oatley	21 September 2023 24 January 2024
Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health (CSC 21 September 2023) – joint RS with HSC	