Children's Select Committee (CSC)

Forward work programmes

May 2023

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Children's Select Committee (CSC) – Forward work programme Agenda items for the committee

Agenda items for CSC

Standing items (at all meetings)

Title - Details / purpose	Туре	Report author / lead officer
Update from Wiltshire Youth Voice - summary of recent activities	Written	Joe Sutton
School Ofsted Judgements - effectiveness of schools as seen by Ofsted Inspection.	Written	Andrew Best
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.		Kathryn Davis
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		Lisa Pullin
Directors' update	Verbal	All directors
Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holders' update		Cabinet Members and
Chair's update		Portfolio holders
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.		Chair

Future items for consideration by the Children's Select Committee

	Title	Origins / history	Report author / lead
	Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)		officer
Substantive	Family Hubs	To consider ahead of Cabinet on 13 June 2023	Gary Binstead
	Information to follow		Lucy Townsend
Substantive	Child Poverty	Current FWP	Lucy Townson d
	To receive a report presenting figures / data for child poverty in Wiltshire (compared to national figures) and the services / provision in place to address this in Wiltshire, either delivered / supported by the council or third sector (that the council is aware of).	Deferred from January and March agenda	Lucy Townsend
Informative	Business plan and action plan update (every 6 months)	CSC 20 September 2022 Deferred from 14 March 2023 agenda	Directors
Informative			

Wednesday 12 July 2023, 10.30am				
	Title Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)	Origins / history	Report author / lead officer	
Substantive	FACT – interim report to review the data set that has been created and how the Family Help programme has been implemented	CSC 25 October 2022	Simon Thomas	

Including an update on the following recommendations:

To invite officers, as part of their stakeholder events, to engage with local members, relevant Area Boards, and town councils to share information about the pilot project in Westbury and Warminster.

For FACT to liaise with the different groups in Westbury and Warminster, funded by Wiltshire Community Foundation and Community First, that support children and young people.

To invite officers to consider a mechanism where signposting to other services is led centrally and kept regularly updated.

Substantive	Safeguarding processes – outcome of the review by the Institute of Public Care (access here)	CSC 20 September 2022 (Jen Salter – Director's	Jen Salter
	To consider the council's safeguarding process and target	update)	Lucy Townsend
	To bring the council's review of its position with regards to	CSC 8 June 2022 Chair's announcement	
	these recommendations.	(Lucy Townsend)	
	NB – may link to a briefing on safeguarding	Deferred from January, March and May agenda	
Informative	School Health and Wellbeing survey	CSC 6 July 2022	Sally Johnson
	To receive an update within the next 12 months to inform the committee on actions taken, or plans made, by the council based on the outcome of the survey. NB – identifying schools that have not participated so councillors can lobby them.		
Informative	NEW Update on Silverwood and System of Excellence	Cabinet item – June 2023	Melissa Hardwell

Wednesday 2	20 September 2023, 10.30am		
•	Title Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)	Origins / history	Report author / lead officer
Substantive			
Substantive			
Informative	Children missing education / children missing out on education	CSC 20 September 2022	Kathryn Davis
	To receive an annual report but for it to first be considered by the Standing task group in its draft form to ensure that it provides the information needed by the committee to be reassured about the quality of the council's performance.		
Informative	Elective home education	CSC 20 September 2022	Kathryn Davis
	To receive an annual report but for it to first be considered by the Standing task group in its draft form to ensure that it provides the information needed by the committee to be reassured about the quality of the council's performance, especially as the DfE is working to formalise the data collection for elective home education from October 2022 which should enable benchmarking.		

Tuesday 31 October 2023, 10.30am			
	Title Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)	Origins / history	Report author / lead officer
Substantive	FACT – one-year update , including progress towards the key milestones identified in paragraph 48 of the report	CSC <u>25 October 2022</u>	Simon Thomas
Substantive			
Informative	Independent Care Review of Children's Social Care and National Review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson – update once the government has responded formally to both reviews	CSC <u>14 March 2023</u>	Jen Salter
Informative			

Tuesday 16 January 2024, 10.30am			
	Title	Origins / history	Report author / lead
	Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)		officer
Substantive			
Substantive			
Informative			
Informative			

Tuesday 12 March 2024, 10.30am			
	Title	Origins / history	Report author / lead
	Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)		officer
Substantive			
Substantive			
Informative			
Informative			

Longer term	items		
	Title	Origins / history	Report author / lead
	Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)		officer
Substantive	Report on the outcome of the Family Help Programme, including the Westbury and Warminster pilot project.	CSC – 25 October 2022, FACT item	Simon Thomas, FACT lead
	By September 2024		

Items considered in the last 12 months

Meeting date	Title	Origins / history	Report author / lead
(link)	Outcome / actions		officer
25 October	FACT update		
2022			
17 January	Roadmap to Excellence		Jen Salter
2023	National Review into Safeguarding Children with Disabilities and Complex Health Needs in Residential Settings		Jen Salter
	Shaping the Future Programme with Schools – verbal update		Helean Hughes
	Outcome of the Rapid Scrutiny on High Needs Block Funding		
14 March 2023	Independent Care Review of Children's Social Care and National Review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes	Requested by officers	Jen Salter
2020	and Star Hobson		Fiona Hayward
	"Shaping the future" programme with schools - update on the	CSC 8 June 2022	Andrew Best
	model chosen	Schools Ofsted judgements	Helean Hughes
	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	Requested by officers	Andrew Best Helean Hughes
	Performance Outcomes Report Academic Year 2021-2022 -	Deferred from January	Andrew Best
	Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations	meeting	Helean Hughes
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Children's Select Committee (CSC) – Forward work programme Task groups and rapid scrutiny exercises

Task groups and rapid scrutiny exercises linked to the CSC

Current / active task groups

Name (establishment date by CSC)	Membership	Start date
Terms of reference / aims Meeting(s) update	Vacancies Supporting officer	Final report expected
Children's Select Committee's Standing Task Group	Cllr Helen Belcher John Hawkins	6 July 2021
 To undertake detailed reviews of the regular reports that come within the Children's Select Committee's remit and to bring updates to the Committee on its work; 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. 	Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair) Cllr Jacqui Lay Cllr Jo Trigg Cllr James Sheppard No vacancy Supporting officer	n/a - Standing task group
Meeting(s) update:	Marie Gondlach	
Adoption West Joint Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair) Cllr Carole King	20 May 2020
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.	No vacancy Supporting officer: Marie Gondlach	n/a - Standing Panel

Name (establishment date by CSC) Terms of reference / aims	Membership	Start date
	Vacancies	
Meeting(s) update	Supporting officer	Final report expected
The objective of the panel is to make constructive recommendations to ensure that AW meets its performance targets and expectations. The focus of the panel is on the Region and members of the panel work in partnership to focus on performance for the Region overall.		
Meeting(s) update:		

Children's Select Committee – Planned rapid scrutiny exercises

Name (terms of reference / aims)	Membership (vacancies)	Planned start date
		Final report expected
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Children's Select Committee – Planned task groups

Name (terms of reference / aims)	Membership (vacancies)	Planned start date	
		Final report expected	
Mental health for children and young people – task group	Cllr Caroline Corbin Cllr Jo Trigg	After 25 October	
Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Strategy (draft expected late 2022 / early 2023 as informed at Sep 2022 meeting) to be considered by the task group	Cllr Mark Verbinnen Cllr Carole King	2022	
Task group to explore the following areas:	Vacancies: 1		

 a clear picture of all services available for children and young people in Wiltshire to support their emotional wellbeing and mental health (across all sectors and all funding streams); whether there are any duplications of services or gaps (particular cohorts of children and young people or geographical areas not able to access the support they need); how the council can best remain aware of that wealth of support and how to ensure there is a joined-up approach across all providers; how to best communicate information on the different services to Wiltshire residents (report stating a third of referrals received in the Single Point of Access – CAMHS – are "preventable", from carers who struggle to know where to go to access the support they need for their young person. that performance across services commissioned by the council is monitored in the best way possible and how this can best be reported to the Children's Select Committee in future. the issues around recruitment / workforce and if anything could be developed across the sector in terms of opportunities through new roles and maximising offer to staff Meeting(s) update: 	Supporting officer Marie Gondlach	
 Youth provision and youth service funding – task group It is proposed that the task group considers: How the council utilises the Area Board Youth Funding (circa £350,000) via the Area Boards How the council assures itself that it is meeting its duties with regards to youth service provision How the council ensures that young people are aware of what youth provision is on offer The task group is likely to engage with the Youth Voice team as well as Area Boards, with the aim to develop consistency across the 18 area boards in terms of allocating youth funding and eligibility criteria, as well as the voluntary sector. This work should also ensure that all councillors are aware of the current youth provision and can effectively promote what is on offer in their area. Meeting(s) update: 	Cllr Helen Belcher Cllr Jo Trigg Cllr lain Wallis Cllr Mark Verbinnen Cllr Jack Oatley Vacancies: 0 Supporting officer Marie Gondlach Lead officers Ros Griffiths Simon Thomas Mandy Timbrell Andrew Griffiths	26 April 2023

	Joe Sutton / Sara James	
Post 16 provision – task group 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. This should also take into consideration the following information the committee had previously identified as of interest: • 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). Meeting(s) update:	Cllr Jo Trigg Nikki Barnett Cllr Graham Wright Cllr Bridget Wayman Mr Michael Thompson Vacancies: 0 Supporting officer Marie Gondlach Lead officers Kirstie Barter Cara Madden Clara Davies	February / March 2023
Budget and Major Contracts task group 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)	endorsed by CSC on 17 January 2023	

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

Name	Membership	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 March 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 To review the current processes and explore whether there would be value added in establishing a task group to consider options to manage pressures on high needs block budget whilst providing the most appropriate support at the earliest opportunity.	Cllr Jo Trigg (Lead) Cllr Pauline Church Cllr Kathryn MacDermid	17 January 2023 06 June 2023

Children's Select Committee (CSC) – Forward work programme Items for consideration by the standing task group

Items for consideration by the CSC standing task group

Meeting date	Title	Туре	Report author / lead	Planned reporting to
/ timeframe	Details / purpose	Origins / history	officer	CSC
		(CSC 6 June)		
NB After committee briefing on School Improvement on 6 June	Ofsted inspections – data presented to the committee Comparator of recent inspections (as outstanding not inspected for years) Breakdown between primary and secondary schools Governors – level of recruitment (vacancies) and commitment to school improvement plan [NB possibility of further scrutiny on effectiveness of / role of governors in the current system and different types of roles across different types of schools]	CSC 8 June 2022 School Ofsted Judgements		12 July 2023
26 June 2023	Corporate Parenting Annual Report	Annual	Netty Lee Lisa Pullin	12 July 2023
	Childcare Sufficiency To receive a report detailing local authority standards for early years and pre-school provision including sufficiency (which is a statutory duty), pupil outcomes and Ofsted grades.	Current FWP + requested by service		
June	Performance monitoring reports	Annual		

Meeting date / timeframe	Title	Туре	Report author / lead officer	Planned reporting to CSC
	Details / purpose	Origins / history		
	To receive performance monitoring reports on the overall service, likely to be June (to consider the year-end data from the previous year) then January meetings.			
	July 2023	(CSC 12 July)		
July / early September 2023	Children missing education / children missing out on education To receive an annual report but for it to first be considered by the Standing task group in its draft form to ensure that it provides the information needed by the committee to be reassured about the quality of the council's performance.	One-off CSC 20 September 2022	Helean Hughes Kathryn Davis	September 2023
July / early	Elective home education	One-off	Helean Hughes Kathryn Davis	September 2023
September 2023	To receive an annual report but for it to first be considered by the Standing task group in its draft form to ensure that it provides the information needed by the committee to be reassured about the quality of the council's performance, especially as the DfE is working to formalise the data collection for EHE from October 2022 which should enable benchmarking. + whether the council has developed its understanding of / partnership working with support groups for EHE in Wiltshire + do we have data for success rates at exams of EHE? + outcome / update on project with EET team to better understand destination for EHE	CSC 20 September 2022		

Meeting date / timeframe	Title	Туре	Report author / lead officer	Planned reporting to CSC
	Details / purpose	Origins / history		
	August 20	23 (no CSC)		
	September 2023 (CSC 20 September)		
	October 2023 (CSC 31 October)		
	November 2	2023 (no CSC)		
	December 2	2023 (no CSC)		
	January 2024 (CSC 16 January)		
	Traded Services Annual report	CSC 18 January 2023	Paul Redford	16 January 2024
	February 2	024 (no CSC)		
	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) - to enable development of the cover report to ensure a "standalone" report.	CSC 14 March 2023	Andrew Best	12 March 2024
	March 2024 (CSC 12 March)		

Items considered by the Children's Select Committee's Standing Task Group in the last 12 months

Meeting date	Title	Origins / history	Report author / lead officer	Reported to CSC
	Actions			
4 January 2022	Traded Services		Paul Redford	15 March 2022
20 June 2022	Traded Services		Paul Redford	OS activities update 6 July 2022
5 September 2022	Adoption		Jen Salter	OS activities update 20 September 2022
05 January 2023	Traded Services		Paul Redford	OS activities update 17 January 2023
10 January 2023	Corporate Parenting Panel		Netty Lee	OS activities update 17 January 2023

Children's Select Committee (CSC) – Forward work programme Briefings for the Children's Select Committee

Briefings for the CSC

Meeting date	Online / in	Title	Origins / history	Lead officer
/ timeframe	person	Details / nurness		
Need level		Details / purpose		
TVCCG ICVCI		May 2023 (no CSC)		
Anytime	tbc	Structure for accommodation for children in care	CSC 17 January	
7		Private providers / Council provision for care home	2023 – Roadmap	
		Foster carers – in-house / external agencies	to excellence	
		In / out of county		
		Within / outside of 20 miles		
Anytime	Online	School places strategy	Requested by officers	Clara Davies
		The School Places Strategy 2023- 2027 pulls together the		
		information required to form a strategic view of the need for		
		mainstream school places across Wiltshire. It provides a summary		
		analysis of current provision, identifies gaps and over-provision		
		and sets out how the LA intends to address these.		
		June 2023 (CSC 6 June)		<u> </u>
6 June 2022	In person (pre- CSC)	school improvement programme	Current FWP	Andrew Best Helean Hughes
2 – should	/	understanding the programme + funding that comes into it		
have				
		MUST HAVE someone from planning to come and talk about		
		Section 106 funding linked to schools.		
		July 2023 (CSC 12 July)		
		July 2023 (000 12 July)		

Meeting date	Online / in	Title	Origins / history	Lead officer
/ timeframe	person	Details / purpose		
Need level		Details / purpose		
Anytime	In person (pre- CSC)	Young Carers in Wiltshire	Current FWP	
1 – must	(333)	This briefing could inform the scope of a potential task group or		
have (links to		rapid scrutiny – to consider how to best promote the service and		
an agenda		ensure that Young Carers and their families are aware of, and		
item)		access, the support on offer.		
		August 2023 (no CSC)		
		September 2023 (CSC 20 September)		
	In person (pre- CSC)	SEND schools provision	Chair's briefing on Silverwood	Melissa Hardwell
		October 2023 (CSC 31 October)		
Anytime	In person (pre- CSC)	Corporate Parenting Panel – strategic priorities	CSC 15 March 2022	
1 – must	,	To receive presentations from the CPP lead Councillors and	Corporate	
have		Strategic Lead Officers on their CPP strategic priorities at pre-	Parenting Panel	
		meeting briefings of the Children's Select Committee	report	
		November 2023 (no CSC)		
		Family Learning Service (and employment and		
Anytime	Online	apprenticeship)	Current FWP	
3 – would be		To raise awareness of the service and the support it offers to		
good to know		families. Anticipated to be a shorter 30 minutes briefing.		
		To include information on:		
		NEET (not in education, employment or training) numbers in		
		Wiltshire – including national figures for comparison (ons)		
		Take up / outcome of the NEET government scheme in Wiltshire		
		and nationally		

Meeting date / timeframe	Online / in person	Title	Origins / history	Lead officer		
Need level	porcon	Details / purpose				
Need level		 Current number of apprentices in Wiltshire and schemes in place, including Wiltshire Council Services in place / support available in Wiltshire to help young people move towards work, education or training e.g. Wiltshire Council's Employment and Skills (Work Wiltshire), programmes such as Building Bridges, etc. 				
Anytime 2 – should have	Online	employment and apprenticeship (and Family Learning Service) To receive information on: • NEET (not in education, employment or training) numbers in Wiltshire – including national figures for comparison (ons) • Take up / outcome of the NEET government scheme in Wiltshire and nationally • Current number of apprentices in Wiltshire and schemes in place, including Wiltshire Council • Services in place / support available in Wiltshire to help young people move towards work, education or training e.g. Wiltshire Council's Employment and Skills (Work Wiltshire), programmes	Current FWP			
		such as Building Bridges, etc.				
	December 2023 (no CSC)					
	January 2024 (CSC 16 January)					
	February 2024 (no CSC)					
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March 2024 (CSC 12 March)						

Briefings for the Children's Select Committee received in the last 12 months (where relevant recordings are accessible in the Councillors' Hub)

Meeting date	Recording available	Title	Origins / history	Lead officer
		Details / purpose		
25 October 2022	No (pre-CSC briefing)	FACT programme – the journey so far		Simon Thomas
20 September 2022	No (pre-CSC briefing)	How Mental Health services and support for children and young people are funded in Wiltshire.		Helen Jones Lucy Baker (ICS)
06 July 2022		Virtual Schools		
16 December 2021		Traded Services		
12 October 2021		Statutory duties in schools		
06 September 2021	Yes	Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership		
03 August 2021	Yes	Five to Thrive		
17 January 2023	No - In person (pre CSC)	Roadmap to Excellence What would excellent look like What is the roadmap Why we have the roadmap		Jen Salter
24 and 31 January 2023	1x online Yes 1x in person No	School Funding x2 Briefing 1 – jargon busting Briefing 2 – pressures and potential	Yearly briefings ahead of consideration of the budget.	Marie Taylor
14 March 2022	Yes	SEND provision - To understand SEND and provision by the council (including awareness of funding).	CSC 20 September 2022 (Helean Hughes)	Cate Mullen Helean Hughes

Children's Select Committee (CSC) – Forward work programme Briefings for the Chair and Vice-Chair

Briefings for the Chair and Vice-Chair of CSC

NB – briefings to be added if recommendations from the High Needs Block Funding Rapid Scrutiny are agreed in the Executive Response.

Meeting date / timeframe	Online / in	Title	Origins / history	Lead officer	
/ umename	person	Details / purpose			
Need level					
		February 2023			
		March 2023			
tbc	Online	Effectiveness of change of outreach model (replacing children's centres)	CSC 17 January 2023	Jen Salter Lucy Townsend	
		April 2023		,,	
		'			
		May 2023			
	<u>.</u>	June 2023			
tbc	Online	National Review into Safeguarding Children with Disabilities and Complex Health Needs in Residential Settings	CSC 17 January 2023	Jen Salter	
		 Implementation of recommendations agreed by the multi agency review group 			
		 progress / completion of the review of similar residential placements for children and young people not in dual registered establishments. 			
July 2023					
August 2023					

Meeting date	Online / in	Title	Origins / history	Lead officer	
/ timeframe	person				
		Details / purpose			
Need level					
September 2023					
October 2023					
November 2023					

Briefings received in the last 12 months (where relevant recordings are accessible in the Councillors' Hub)

Meeting date	Recording available	Title	Origins / history	Lead officer
		Details / purpose		
17 November 2022	No	Children's home care	Cabinet Paper (Nov 2022)	Gary Binstead
08 December 2022	No	Proposal to Retain and Invest in Silverwood School Chippenham and Trowbridge Campuses	Cabinet Paper (13 December 2022)	Melissa Hardwell
10 January 2023	No	Disadvantaged Learners – update on implementation of recommendations from the task group Members of the Disadvantaged Learners Task Group were invited to attend the briefing.	CSC 6 July 2022 Executive response CSC 8 June 2022 Disadvantaged Learners task group – final report	Andrew Best Emma Cooke Kate Wilkins Helean Hughes
18 January 2023	No	Children Residential Placement Block Contract	Cabinet Paper – 31 January 2023	Gary Binstead