

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

### Standing items (at all meetings)

Title - Details / purpose	Type	Report author/ lead
<b>Safety Valve update</b> – summary of recent developments, successes and issues	Written	Ben Stevens
<b>Update from Wiltshire Youth Voice</b> - summary of recent activities	Written	Joe Sutton/Gary Norton-Sanders
<b>School Ofsted Judgements</b> - effectiveness of schools as seen by Ofsted Inspection.	Written	Amanda Butler
<b>DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education</b>	Written	David Harris
<b>Working together to improve school attendance</b> - latest requirements of the non-statutory guidance the DfE published in May 2022 to apply from September 2022.	Written	Louise Lewis
<b>Schools Forum's update</b> - very brief update on key items from the last meeting of Schools Forum	Written	Lisa Pullin
<b>Corporate Parenting Panel update</b> - brief update highlighting key items from the last meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel	Written	Lisa Pullin
<b>Directors' update</b> <b>Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holders' update</b> <b>Chair's update</b>	Verbal	All directors Cabinet Members and Portfolio holders Chair

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.		
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<b>Tuesday 26 November, 10.30am</b> <i>Pre-meeting briefing topic: Affordable school strategy – Kathryn Davis</i>			
	<b>Title</b> Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)	Origins / history	Report author / lead officer
Substantive	<b>Youth Strategy to include Youth provision and area board youth funding task group executive response</b>  To review progress on actions of the executive response to the Youth Provision and youth area board funding task group to include the youth strategy and draft amendments to the area board funding criteria before it is published. Area Board.	CSC Jan 2024	Rhys Schell
Substantive	<b>Alternative Provision (NB linked to SEND items)</b>  Current Alternative Provision available, known issues or gaps and development plans.	OS/Executive meeting 14 May 2024	Kathryn Davis
Substantive	<b>Reducing inequalities in schools</b> A wider determinants report to explore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child poverty / social mobility and correlation to school attendance and attainment</li> <li>• What schools can do to reduce inequalities (affordable school strategy – NB will also be pre-meeting briefing topic)</li> </ul>		Kathryn Davis
Substantive	<b>Child Sufficiency Annual Report</b> To include specific requests made at CSC, 6 June 2024	CSC, 6 June 2024	

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	<a href="#"><u>Agenda and draft minutes - Democratic Services - Wiltshire Council</u></a>		
Substantive	<b>Families and Children’s Services Roadmap 2024-2026</b> (outcome from National Independent Review of Children's Social Care update - Children’s Social Care: Stable Homes Built on Love consultation.) <i>To receive an update in Summer 2024 to include learning from pilot projects and other local authorities.</i>	<a href="#"><u>CSC October 23</u></a>	Jen Salter Tim Sandle
Informative	<b>Wiltshire Learning Alliance (WLA)</b>  To receive feedback following a “relaunch” and advertising campaign in September for the WLA.	OS/Executive meeting 14 May 2024	Kathryn Davis
Informative	<b>Early Years, childcare and entitlement strategy</b>  An update on expected changes	OS/Executive meeting 14 May 2024	Lucy-Ann Bryant

<b>Wednesday 15 January 2025, 10.30am</b> <i>Pre-meeting briefing topic:</i>			
	<b>Title</b> Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)	Origins / history	Report author / lead officer
Substantive	<b>Safety Valve – one year review</b> Report to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timeline and plan to enable future monitoring;</li> <li>• Financial impact;</li> <li>• Service impact (for “customers”).</li> </ul> Aim – to determine if OS is required.	OS/Executive meeting 14 May 2024	Lucy Townsend
Substantive	<b>Children and Young People Health Wellbeing Survey – “so what” / analysis report</b>  To consider actions taken from the responses to the survey	CSC 24 January 2024  OS/Executive meeting 14 May 2024	Kate Blackburn Sally Johnson
Substantive	<b>Family Hub update</b> – to include input from libraries & leisure (following briefing to chair and vice-chair)  For a report to be presented to the full committee on 15 January 2025 detailing the mobilisation of the new contract, development of Family Hubs by Spurgeons and evaluation of performance, dependant on the updates received by the Standing Task Group.	CSC 24 January 2024	David Redfern Jen Salter
Informative	<b>NHS Dentistry access and oral health improvements</b> to include the service for looked after children . Update on progress being made. Agree with officers if this item needs to be deferred and a recommendation for Council post May 2025	CSC 18 July 2024	

<b>Thursday 6 March 2025, 10.30am</b>			
<i>Pre-meeting briefing topic:</i>			
	<b>Title</b> Details / purpose and Timeframe (if applicable)	Origins / history	Report author / lead officer
Substantive	<p><b>School improvement / performance</b></p> <p>Report from the school performance officer group to inform the committee of current performance and improvement over the last year and future plans to address known issues / concerns. This would also include up to date information on SLAs with schools.</p> <p>This would inform the committee's legacy report in terms of any further scrutiny required.</p>	OS/Executive meeting 14 May 2024	Kathryn Davis Louise Lewis
Substantive	<p><b>Family Hub – one year review</b></p> <p>To consider a report on the implementation of the Family Hub model, on the monitoring of performance and on plans for the year ahead.</p> <p>This would inform the committee's legacy report in terms of any further scrutiny required.</p>	OS/Executive meeting 14 May 2024	Jen Salter
Informative	<p><b>Ofsted inspection outcome - Business plan update</b></p> <p>To receive the updated Business Plan</p>	CSC 24 January 2024	
Informative			

## Children's Select Committee (CSC) – Forward work programme

### Task groups and rapid scrutiny exercises

#### Current / active task groups

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

#### Children's Select Committee – Proposed rapid scrutiny exercises

<b>Name of Rapid Scrutiny exercise</b> Terms of reference / aims (Origins)	<b>Membership (vacancies)</b>	<b>Planned start date</b>  <b>Final report expected</b>
<b>Out of County Education (new proposal for approval)</b>  To set up a rapid scrutiny 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.		Nov 2024
<b>Education Performance Outcomes</b>  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
<b>Inclusion</b>  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. <a href="#">(OS/Exec meeting 2024)</a>		Jan 2025
<b>Homelessness (as relevant to Children's Services)</b>  To ensure the robustness of the council's action plan / measures in place in response to ILAPS / Ofsted recommendations <a href="#">(OS/Exec meeting 2024)</a>		Early autumn

### Children's Select Committee – Proposed task groups

<b>Name of Task Group</b> Terms of reference / aims (Origins)	<b>Membership (vacancies)</b>	<b>Planned start date</b>  <b>Final report expected</b>
<b>School performance and attainment outcome</b>  To consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance</li> <li>• What can be done to improve results?</li> <li>• The role of the Wiltshire Learning Alliance (WLA) in delivering improvement</li> </ul> NB – information on the WLA is coming to the committee in November 2024 <a href="#">(OS/Exec meeting 2024)</a>	<b>Vacancies: 5</b>	<i>Origins: OS/Exec meeting 2024</i>
<b>Residential care and complex care</b>  Longer term support for children with more complex needs.  To consider (by comparing with other models available): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaping of the service</li> <li>• How to ensure good outcomes for children</li> </ul> NB – this links to a tender process in the New Year <a href="#">(OS/Exec meeting 2024)</a>	<b>Vacancies: 5</b>	Autumn  <i>Origins: OS/Exec meeting 2024</i>
<b>Children and Young Peoples Mental Health services and developments</b>  Proposed over three meetings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of needs assessment undertaken and outcomes / analysis</li> </ol>	Cllr Caroline Corbin Cllr Jo Trigg Cllr Mark Verbinnen Cllr Carole King  <b>Vacancies: 1</b>	<b>ASAP</b> – Report Sept 2024?

<p>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)</p> <p>c. Proposal for future service(s) with a focus on the outcomes sought (and how these would be measured and monitored)</p> <p>NB – consideration to be given on how to get young people’s views (may be survey promoted by different providers / groups). <b>(OS/Exec meeting 2024)</b></p>	<p><i>Supporting officer</i> <i>Marie Gondlach</i></p>	
<p><b>Post 16 provision – task group</b></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"> <li>• 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” .</li> <li>• To include input from the council’s review of transport services for children and young people with SEND (commissioning team).</li> </ul>	<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>	
<p><b>Budget and Major Contracts task group</b></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</p>	<p>endorsed by CSC on 17 January 2023</p> <p><b>Vacancies: 5</b></p>	

contractors and how that information will be monitored by the council (including overview and scrutiny involvement)		
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