

Children's Select Committee Forward Work Programme

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Children's Select Committee – Current / Active Task Groups		
Task Group	Start Date	Final Report Expected
<p>Disadvantaged / vulnerable Learners Whilst Wiltshire has a relatively low number of disadvantaged learners, they are largely underperforming compared to regional and national levels.</p> <p>To be informed of the council's current work and aspirations. To identify the reason(s) for the higher underperforming than regional and national levels. To explore solutions to raise performance levels, based on best practice across the country.</p>	31 October 2021	
<p>In-house foster carers To identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. how the effectiveness of the Fostering Excellence project will be measured and reported; b. how the benefits to children in care being placed with in-house carers (receiving enhanced training / support as part of Fostering Excellence) will be measured and reported; c. best practice across the country for recruitment and retention of in-house foster carers, as well for anticipating demand (needs / demand modelling) 	Tbc (members hip set)	
<p>Children and Young People's Mental Health This will follow on from the work of the CAMHS task group but the terms of reference will be reviewed to ensure a more holistic approach.</p>	tbc	
<p>Families and Children's Transformation (FACT) To scrutinise the impact and effectiveness of the FACT programme, whilst ensuring that the voice of the child is embedded in the FACT programme.</p>	After November 2021 (briefing to	

Areas to focus on (based on the debate and areas for continuing improvement that were highlighted in the report) are detailed in the minutes of the CSC meeting on 19 January 2021.	CSC in November)	
<p>Youth provision and youth service funding</p> <p>Area Board youth service funding</p> <p>To understand what the differences are (and why) in allocating youth funding and to determine whether the eligibility criteria and assessment / approval process are still relevant (where possible compare with other local authorities) and ensure clear “best practice” / guidelines.</p> <p>Youth Provision – gap analysis</p> <p>To consider the outcome of the Youth provision gap analysis undertaken (referred to in the Covid-19 update to Cabinet, 1 December 2020) and establish whether further scrutiny (e.g. task group) would be beneficial to ensure that demand / needs are met where possible and also that people are aware of the provision (effective promotion).</p> <p>NB link with Youth Voice team’s work</p> <p>To develop consistency across the 18 area boards in terms of allocating youth funding and eligibility criteria.</p>	tbc	
<p>Access to Post-16 education</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>NB – may link to follow up work from the Youth Transport Task Group’s final report.</p>	Spring 2022 (tie in with academic year)	

Children’s Select Committee - Rapid Scrutiny		
Topic	Details	Date
Housing – provision of accommodation for young people at transition time	To consider how effective the council is at meeting housing needs (including availability of choice and location) for young people at transition time (e.g. Care Leavers or SEND “aging out” of existing provision).	27 October 2021
SEND provision – data set	tbc	
High needs block funding	To review the current processes and explore whether there would be	Start February

	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.	2022 onwards
Health Outcomes and meeting health needs	To explore how the council can best scrutinise what partners (and providers) are doing to provide health outcomes for Wiltshire children, this would include establishing what the current scrutiny by the council is (including information on the current and planned work on this topic of the Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership).	Date tbc

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / Purpose of Report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
Standing items (at all meetings)					
	DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education	A report presenting an update on developments relating to children's services arising from the Department for Education.	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Nicola McCann
	School Ofsted Judgements	A report which includes information regarding the most recent Ofsted Inspection reports. It will provide an ongoing view of the effectiveness of schools as seen by Ofsted Inspection.	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Louise Lewis
	Update from Wiltshire Youth Union Representative	An update including a summary of recent activities of the Wiltshire Youth Union (WYU), the Youth Safeguarding Board (YSB) and the Children in Care Council (CiCC).	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Gary Binstead
5 January 2022					

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5 Jan 2022	Performance monitoring report	As approved at CSC on 12 November 2019 (OS/executive meeting outcome) - that the committee receives performance monitoring reports on the overall service (following on from the pre-meeting briefing at the November meeting on the council's self-assessment process), likely to be June (to consider the year-end data from the previous year) then January meetings.		Cllr Laura Mayes	
15 March 2022					
Agenda item – date to be set					
	Child Poverty	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).			

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	School Improvement Programme	As agreed at the 10 March 2020 meeting (schools Ofsted judgments) to receive a report on implementation / progress of the school improvement programme. (NB with pre-meeting briefing as well)			
	Youth Transport (including SEND)	<p>Update following task group's work and executive response - National Bus Strategy and any decision or progress regarding a single "Wiltshire Youth Card"</p> <p>To include input from the council's review of transport services for children and young people with SEND (commissioning team).</p> <p>NB – may link to the proposed Access to Post-16 education task group</p>			
	Outdoor education	Update following task group's work and executive response (CSC 10 March 2021)			

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	FACT update	<p>Following consideration of update on 10 March 2020:</p> <p>Request an update for March 2021. The Chair and Vice-chair will identify specific areas for update from the report considered today and inform officers accordingly. The update should include more figures for improved outcome for young people and also figures on savings / costs avoided to demonstrate the impact of the FACT programme.</p> <p>For example number of Five to Thrive champions trained, outcome / learning from the Multi-Agency Use of CMS, outcome of performance reviews, etc.</p>	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	
Meetings after March 2022					
	Corporate Parenting bi-annual report	To consider the mid-year annual report from Corporate Parenting	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lisa Pullin

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Not before 1 Jun 2022	Performance monitoring report	As approved at CSC on 12 November 2019 (OS/executive meeting outcome) - that the committee receives performance monitoring reports on the overall service (following on from the pre-meeting briefing at the November meeting on the council's self-assessment process), likely to be June (to consider the year-end data from the previous year) then January meetings.		Cllr Laura Mayes	
Information briefings					
September / October 2021	Information briefing - MASH and early support	September / October 2021			
September / November 2021	Information briefing - FACT (Families and Children Transformation Programme): the journey so far	There is also a proposed task group and agenda item Timeline – late September, October for the briefing and November for agenda item.	Martin Davis (Director - Families and Children)		

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Between 1 Nov 2021 and 31 Dec 2021	Information briefing - Young Carers in Wiltshire	This briefing could inform the scope of a potential task group or rapid scrutiny – to consider how to best promote the service and ensure that Young Carers and their families are aware of and access the support on offer.	Helen Jones (Director - Joint Commissioning)		
November 2021	Information briefing - school improvement programme	Linked to agenda item - briefing in November	Helean Hughes (Director - Education and Skills)		
November 2021	Information briefing - SEND provision: See the person not the disability	To understand SEND and provision by the council (including awareness of funding). This briefing would underpin future scrutiny work (proposed rapid scrutiny) on SEND provision and High Needs block funding.			

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January 2022	Information briefing - employment and apprenticeship	<p>To receive information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 such as Building Bridges, etc. 			
19 Jan 2022	Information briefing - School Funding	Yearly briefing ahead of consideration of the budget.			

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Between 19 Jan 2022 and 26 Feb 2022	Information briefing - learning from Covid-19	To inform members on the lessons learnt from Covid on how some of the mitigations or new ways of working implemented to manage the pandemic could be adapted for ongoing use to improve the efficiency/productivity of the service (This potentially could be an agenda item at some point as well). NB the briefing should be linked to a presentation from Wiltshire CIL to Health Select Committee and work undertaken by Wiltshire Parent Carer Council.			
February 2022	Information briefing - Alternative Educational Provision	To receive information on processes followed and options available in Wiltshire, including information on the Service Level Agreement for funding delegated to secondary schools to support learners at risk of exclusion. Anticipated to be a shorter briefing (30 minutes).			

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February 2022	Information briefing - Family Learning Service	To raise awareness of the service and the support it offers to families. Anticipated to be a shorter 30 minutes briefing.			
February 2022	Information briefing - Demand modelling for children services	To develop some awareness of the work undertaken, common factors that drive demand, how to anticipate impact and volume – informing members of the complexities of managing and anticipating demand. Once this briefing has been delivered there may be further updates on specific demand analysis.			Tamsin Stone
Items for consideration by the standing task group (reports preview)					
	Corporate Parenting bi-annual report	March (brief update) October / November (annual report)			

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	Performance monitoring reports	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.			
	Early Years and Childcare Standards Annual Report	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.			
	Elective Home Education (including for Children with SEND)	Item follows the resolution from the 5th March 2019 Children's Select Committee: "To receive further data and analysis in 12 months on children with SEND receiving Elective Home Education."	Helean Hughes (Director - Education and Skills)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Jen Salter

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	Children missing education / children missing out on education	To receive dataset and policy on Children Missing Out on Education / Children Missing Education NB – may be timely to link to information briefing on Alternative Educational Provision			
	Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations	Provides an annual overview of pupil performance at the end of each key stage and compares Wiltshire's attainment with national, south west and statistical neighbours.			
	Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership	To receive annual report from the partnership presenting work in the past year and priorities / objectives for the year ahead.			

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	Adoption	<p>Annual item.</p> <p>To receive information on adoption from the following sources:</p> <p>Local authority's performance report with regards to adoption (statutory requirement that regular assurance reports are provided regarding the Council's responsibility for the adoption of children); Adoption West joint scrutiny panel's annual report.</p>			
	Traded Services	<p>Update following task group's work and executive response (CSC 10 March 2021):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Progress and development for Traded Services b. Development of the Traded Services team c. The establishment of a project / governance board 			

