

Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 6 November 2024

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee Work Programme, Actions and Assurances Update
(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Brief Summary

This report provides members of the Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee with an update on the work programme for 2024/25, as well as actions and assurances for the Committee to be aware of.

Recommendation

The Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the work programme for 2024/24 at Appendix 'A'
- (ii) Discuss and confirm information to be included in the reports for the 18 December 2024 meeting of the Committee
- (iii) Review and note the information provided as part of the actions and assurances to the Committee at Appendix 'B'

Detail

A plan of work for 2024/25 was drafted following an update from the Portfolio Holders and Senior Officers at an informal meeting of the Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee on 12 June 2023.

Following this meeting, the programme was finalised, reported and approved at the meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board on 23 July 2023.



Attached at **Appendix 'A'** is a copy of the most up to date work programme for the Committee.

Actions and Assurances

The table below seeks to provide members outstanding committee recommendations progress, and work programme updates.

Further actions and assurances relating to items on the Corporate Risk Register are included for the Committee at **Appendix 'B'**.

Item	Information	Action/ Assurance
Recent Data and Information		
Work Programme Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee should note that the Bite Size Briefing for the School Place Planning Annual Update has been arranged and will take place on 25 November 2024 at 2pm via Microsoft Teams. 	Assurance – The Committee does not need to take any action.

Future topics on the work programme

The committee is due to receive reports on the following topics at its next scheduled meeting on 18 December 2024:

- Further Developing Care Leavers Offer and Support (New Ofsted Judgement)
- Increasing Care Leavers Offer who are in EET
- Strengthening the partnership approach to support young people at risk of becoming known to the Youth Justice Service

The table below sets out the purpose of scrutiny for each topic:

Topic	Purpose of scrutiny
Further Developing Care Leavers Offer and Support (New Ofsted Judgement)	To receive a report outlining the development of the Care Leavers Offer in light of the May 2024 Ofsted Judgement. Members will have the opportunity to evaluate the successes and weaknesses and identify areas for improvement or



	further scrutiny.
Increasing Care Leavers Offer who are in EET	To receive a report outlining the Care Leavers Offer for those who are in Education, Employment or Training. To consider any issues, endorse progress and consider areas for future scrutiny.
Strengthening the partnership approach to support young people at risk of becoming known to the Youth Justice Service	To receive a report from the Youth Justice Service on the partnership approach to tackling young people who are at risk. To consider progress being made and identify any areas for future scrutiny.

Appendices

Appendices 'A' and 'B' are attached to this report. For clarification they are summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2024-25
Appendix 'B'	Further actions and assurances for the Committee to note, relating to items on the Corporate Risk Register.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal

There are no significant legal implications in this report.

Financial

There are no significant financial implications in this report.

Risk management

There are no significant risks identified in this report.



Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

