

Children & Young People Sub-Committee

The below table sets out the working version of the Children & Young People Sub-Committee work programme. The items have been scheduled following discussion with officers and may be subject to change depending on any new emerging priorities taking precedent.

Meeting Date	Item	Scope	Directorate & Lead Officer
16 July 2024	Cabinet Paper - Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Decision Finding of Fault Causing Injustice and Action Plan to Prevent Reoccurrence	To receive the relevant action plan and ensure the lessons learned from this and the previous complaint are 'embedded'. The Sub-Committee should monitor the implementation of the Council's action plan.	Children, Young People & Education Debbie Jones
	Youth Justice Plan 24/25	The Youth Justice Plan 24/25 forms a part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, and as such it is required that Scrutiny have not less than four weeks to respond to the initial proposals. The Children & Young People Sub-Committee Scrutiny Sub-Committee has asked to review the Youth Justice Plan with a view to considering whether there are any concerns that should be raised or recommendations that should be made.	Children, Young People & Education Róisín Madden

10 September 2024	CYPE Transformation	To receive an update on the Children, Young People and Educations Department transformation work, including an update on the outcomes from the diagnostic work of the Council's strategic delivery partner.	Children, Young People & Education Debbie Jones Deborah Crossan, Jamie McMahon, Deborah Ennis (IMPOWER)
	Family Hubs Transformation Programme update	For the Sub-Committee to receive an update concerning the Family Hubs Transformation Programme.	Children, Young People & Education Shelley Davies
20 January 2025	Budget Scrutiny Challenge	<p>Proposals identified for Scrutiny from the MTFS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SEND Transport - 2025-29 SCRER GRO 005 - £8.601m – 2. Children's Social Care demographic growth and market price pressures - 2025-29 GRO CYPE 001 - £15.138m 3. Strategic delivery partner savings - 2025-29 SAV CYPE 001 – £3m <p>The Sub-Committee have asked to review the information on three budget proposals (identified above). Please could the report provide information that allow Members to reach conclusions on the below areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the savings/growth deliverable, sustainable and not an unacceptable risk. 2. Is the impact on service users and the wider community understood. 	Children, Young People & Education Debbie Jones/Stuart Collins/Shelley Davies/ Róisín Madden/ Simon Townend/Karen Agbabiaka

		<p>3. Have all reasonable alternative options been explored and do no better options exist.</p> <p>4. Do these proposals align with the Mayor's Business Plan?</p> <p>The Chair and Vice-Chair have also asked for any information on any additional SEND funding that might be received by the Council for 25/26 and any budgetary impacts from the results of the Ofsted inspection (e.g. additional staffing resources for the out of hours service).</p>	
	Cabinet Reports - Education & SEND Estates Strategies	The Children & Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee has asked to review the Cabinet Papers (the Education Estates Strategy and the SEND Estates Strategy) to conduct Pre-Decision Scrutiny, looking particularly at the management of surplus school places, Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) provision, and the proposed Schools' Maintenance Plan.	<p>Children, Young People & Education</p> <p>Shelley Davies</p>
18 March 2025	Update on Health Visiting	To receive an update on Antenatal and Health Visiting on the KPI trends since the last update in March 2024, as well as information on changes and improvements in the service.	<p>Children, Young People, Education and Health</p> <p>Croydon Health Services/Kerry Crichlow</p>
	Education Standards 2024	<p>For the Sub-Committee to receive the summarised performance of children and young people in Croydon schools for the academic year 23/24.</p> <p>This report should also include information on 'managed moves' in the borough reported through the 'Inclusion Network'.</p>	<p>Children, Young People & Education</p> <p>Shelley Davies</p>

	Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership - Annual Report 2023-24	<p>The Children & Young People Sub-Committee is asked to: -</p> <p>Note the Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023-2024</p> <p>Consider whether there are any concerns it may wish to raise as to whether the Annual Report provides sufficient reassurance on the performance and effectiveness of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership.</p> <p>Consider whether the Sub-Committee has any comments or suggestions on the Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2024-2025 ahead of its development in the following year.</p>	<p>Children, Young People & Education</p> <p>Donna Swirski</p>
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Standing Items:

Early Help, Children's Social Care and Education Dashboard & Health Visiting KPI Data - To receive the Early Help, Children's Social Care and Education Dashboard and quarterly Health Visiting KPI Data.

Items of Interest

The following items haven't been scheduled into the work programme but are highlighted as potential items of interest to be scheduled during the year ahead.

Unallocated Items	Notes
Recruitment and Retention	<p>To review Staff Caseloads, AYSE Caseload Sharing and the number of supervisions carried out.</p> <p>To receive a breakdown of vacancies and caseloads by individual teams and to look at London Councils best practise for recruitment and retention.</p> <p>To undertake direct engagement with social workers</p>

	To look at how feedback from exit interviews can be incorporated into retention strategies
Apprenticeships & Youth Unemployment	To look at the offer of available apprenticeships in the borough and data on youth unemployment.
OFSTED Inspection	To review the outcome from the OFSTED inspection as and when they are available.
Delivery of Early Years Strategy	To review the delivery and implementation plan of the Early Years Strategy
SEND Strategy	To review the implementation of the SEND Strategy
Surplus Schools Places	To review the Surplus Schools Places report
Free School Meal offer in Croydon	To scrutinise the provision of free school meals in the borough through the Mayor of London scheme.
Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Decision Finding of Fault Causing Injustice and Action Plan to Prevent Reoccurrence	An update report on the implementation of the action plan resulting from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Decision Finding of Fault Causing Injustice.
CYPE Transformation	To receive an update on the Children, Young People and Educations Department transformation work, including an update on the outcomes from the diagnostic work of the Council's strategic delivery partner following the conclusion of the 'Amplified Analysis' stage.
Family Hubs Transformation Programme update	For the Sub-Committee to receive an update concerning the Family Hubs Transformation Programme.