Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) Work Programme 2023-24

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6 th July 2023	Service Overview and Priorities • Education • Children's Services	An opportunity for the Board to be briefed on the service areas under the scrutiny board portfolio	Neil Macdonald/Kirston Nelson Cllr Sandhu Cllr Seaman
	Apprenticeship Provision	An item referred from Scruco to consider the range and quality of FE provision across the city, including apprenticeships but to also include work-based learning in schools, as well as opportunities for SEND pupils	Kirston Nelson Cllr Sandhu
5 th October 2023	Attendance Behaviour and Exclusions Duties Ofsted Inspection Framework – including	To consider the implementation of the new duties around attendance, Behaviour and Exclusions	Kirston Nelson Cllr Sandhu
	SEND		
23 rd November 2023	Social Worker recruitment and retention		Neil Macdonald Cllr Seaman
	Cost of Children's Placements	Referred from Scruco to consider the financial pressures caused by the high cost of children's placements	Neil Macdonald Cllr Seaman
21 st December 2023			
1 st February 2024	Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report	To include picking up the actions requested by the Board – widening work with faith groups, EDI strategy and work with children and young people	Rebekah Eaves Cllr Seaman Neil Macdonald
14 th March 2024	Task and Finish Group – Autism in Schools	Following a T&F group led by SB5, it was agreed that SB2 would undertake a T&F on the in-depth challenges facing	Jeannette Essex Cllr Sandhu

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		schools in providing support to children, young people and their families who are on the autism assessment pathway.	
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Items for 2023-24	Family Valued Programme – including Reunification Project	To consider progress and impact on families of the programme, including the Reunification Project	Neil Macdonald Cllr Seaman
	Family Health and Lifestyles Service – heath inequalities	To looking in more detail at how the service is tackling health inequalities and targeting services at those in need on a localised basis.	Harbir Nagra Cllr Caan
	Youth Provision in Coventry	How and where we work with outside partners (and specifically the third sector) to deliver it	Neil Macdonald Cllr Seaman
	School Place Sufficiency	To look at the pressures on school places across the city and what the Council is doing to support sufficient places	Kirston Nelson Cllr Sandhu
	Fostering	Members requested a more in-depth report on Fostering, including recruiting and supporting foster carers from minority communities	
	Early Years Saplings Programme	Following a report on the Early Years Strategy, Members requested a further item including progress on and more detail on the Saplings Programme	
	Health and Wellbeing in Schools – joint with SB5	To look at what is being done to promote health and well-being in schools and universities – including the school nursing service	
Items taken for information	Adoption Service Annual Reports	Annual report – including information about the diversity of the adoption panel and adopters as well as support to birth mothers after their children have been adopted	Cllr Seaman
	Holiday Activity Fund	A delivery progress report	Adrian Coles Cllr Sandhu

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Work Programme Decision Flow Chart

