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

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Service Overview and Priorities

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#### 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

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Holiday Activity Fund - Update

Family Valued Programme – including Reunification Project

#### 1st February 2024

School Performance Data

## 14th March 2024 - joint with Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report CAMHS

#### 18 April 2024

One Strategic Plan - School Place Sufficiency

#### Items for 2024-25

Early Years Strategy (first meeting)

Children's Service Complaints and Service Improvement

Family Health and Lifestyles Service - heath inequalities

Youth Provision in Coventry

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Health and Wellbeing in Schools - joint with SB5

#### Items taken for information

Adoption Service Annual Reports

Fostering Annual Report

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Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Attendance Behaviour and Exclusions Duties Ofsted Inspection Framework – including SEND	To consider the implementation of the new duties around attendance, Behaviour and Exclusions	Kirston Nelson Cllr Sandhu
23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Holiday Activity Fund - Update	Members requested a further update on the HAF following the last item.	Cllr Sandhu Rachael Sugars
	Family Valued Programme – including Reunification Project	To consider progress and impact on families of the programme, including the Reunification Project	Neil Macdonald Cllr Seaman
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	School Performance Data	An annual report on school performance, to include school attendance, exclusions and suspensions data, as well as post 16 performance	Cllr Sandhu Kirston Nelson
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024  – joint with Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)	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

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	CAMHS		
18 April 2024	One Strategic Plan - School Place Sufficiency	To look at the pressures on school places across the city and what the Council is doing to support sufficient places, specifically special school places	Kirston Nelson Cllr Sandhu
Items for 2024- 25	Early Years Strategy (first meeting)	Following a report on the Early Years Strategy, Members requested a further item including progress on and more detail on the Saplings Programme, as well as strategies to support reading in the early years. To invite Chair of SB5	Rachael Sugars Cllr Sandhu
	Children's Service Complaints and Service Improvement	To consider how children's services complaints are used to improve services	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
	Cost of Children's Placements (Update Report)	At their meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023, Member requested an update item to report on progress in addressing the cost of placements	Neil Macdonald Cllr Seaman
	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	
	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 schools in providing support to children, young people and their families who are on the autism assessment pathway.	Jeannette Essex Cllr Sandhu
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
	Fostering Annual Report	For Members to consider whether a full item is required	Cllr Seaman

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# Work Programme Decision Flow Chart

