Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) Work Programme 2024-25

Last updated 9th October 2024

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11th July 24
Early Years Strategy
12th September 24 - cancelled **17th October 24**
Family Valued and Reunification Project Child-friendly Cov Cabinet Member Priorities
28th November 24
Cost of Children's Placements (Update Report) Children's LGA Peer Challenge Social Worker Recruitment and Retention
16th January 25
Safeguarding Board Annual Report School Performance HAF Update
13th February 25
Sufficiency – Early Years, Mainstream and SEND Attendance – changes to statutory guidance
27th March 25
SEND update
April/May 2025 **Items for 2024-25**
Family Health and Lifestyles Service – heath inequalities Youth Provision in Coventry Health and Wellbeing in Schools Education Performance Report HAF progress report Early Help Early Years Strategy
Items taken for information
Adoption Service Annual Reports – November Fostering Annual Report - November

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11th July 24	Early Years Strategy	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
12th September 24 - cancelled			
17th October 24	Family Valued and Reunification Project	A progress and impact report	Cllr Seaman Sukriti Sen
	Child-friendly Cov	A progress and impact report on the Child Friendly Coventry project	Cllr Seaman Sukriti Sen
	Cabinet Member Priorities	An opportunity for the Cabinet Member to highlight their priorities for the year.	Cllr Seaman
28th November 24	Cost of Children's Placements (Update Report)	At their meeting on 23rd November 2023, Member requested an update item to report on progress in addressing the cost of placements	Sukriti Sen Cllr Seaman
	Children's LGA Peer Challenge	To consider the recommendations from the LGA Peer Challenge on Children's Services	Cllr Seaman Sukriti Sen
	Social Worker Recruitment and Retention	A progress update following the previous item in November 2024 – to consider how the use of agency staff has been reduced	Sukriti Sen Cllr Seaman
16th January 25	Safeguarding Board Annual Report		
	School Performance		
	HAF Update	To consider progress on delivering the HAF programme	Adrian Coles Cllr Sandhu
13th February 25	Sufficiency – Early Years, Mainstream and SEND	To tie in with the Cabinet Report due in February. To provide previous report as background from 18/4/24	Rachael Sugars Cllr Sandhu
	Attendance – changes to statutory guidance		Rachael Sugars Cllr Sandhu

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27th March 25	SEND update	Following on from an item on 18th April 2024 the Board requested an update to be circulated to the Board	Cllr Sandhu Jeannette Essex
April/May 2025			
Items for 2024-25	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	Sukriti Sen Cllr Seaman
	Health and Wellbeing in Schools	To look at what is being done to promote health and well-being in schools and universities – including the school nursing service	
	Education Performance Report	Annual Performance Report	Rachael Sugars
	HAF progress report		
	Early Help	To include workforce plans and placements for apprenticeships etc	Sukriti Sen Cllr Seaman
	Early Years Strategy	To come in 2025 and to include progress on actions requested on 17/7/24 re: oral and dental health	R Sugars Cllr Sandhu
Items taken for information	Adoption Service Annual Reports – November	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 - November	For Members to consider whether a full item is required	Cllr Seaman

Work Programme Decision Flow Chart

Is the proposed item just to provide the committee with information or update on previous item?

YES → Leave out of work programme and arrange written bulletin/training/seminar

NO ↓

Does the item have a significant impact for one or more section(s) of the population of Coventry?
Has the item been raised by communities/ residents/ partners or stakeholders?

NO →

YES ↓

Is the item linked to a priority in the One Coventry plan?

NO →

YES ↓

Will the scrutiny activity add value to the council, and/or its partners', overall performance?

NO → Leave out of work programme – Low Priority

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Is there an item on the forward plan which covers the issue?

NO →

YES ↓

Will scrutiny involvement be duplicating review work within the service?

YES →

NO ↓

Is scrutiny involvement timely?

NO → Possibly include in work programme or monitor

YES ↓

Does the item warrant a single item agenda?

NO → Include on the work programme

YES ↓

Could the item benefit from a task and finish group?

NO → Include on the work programme and scope as a single item

YES ↓

Include on the work programme and scope as a task and finish group