

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme 2022/2023



This table sets out the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel work programme for 2022/23; the items listed were agreed by the Panel at its meeting on 22 June 2022. This work programme will be considered at every meeting of the Panel to enable it to respond to issues of concern and incorporate reviews or to comment on pre-decision items ahead of their consideration by Cabinet/Council.

The work programme table shows items on a meeting-by-meeting basis, identifying the issue under review, the nature of the scrutiny (pre-decision, policy development, issue specific, performance monitoring, partnership related) and the intended outcomes.

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Meeting date: 29 September 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm, 20 September 2022*)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Departmental update including update on: safety valve support given to pupils with English as an additional language. Attain Programme	Report to the Panel	Jane McSherry, Director of Children Schools, and Families	Review priority work streams within the Children Schools and Families Department.
SEND Strategy and Written Statement of Action	Report to the Panel	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Assistant Director of Education and Early Help	Scrutiny of the current SEND strategy
Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Strategy and Performance	To review the basket of indicators
Work programme 2022/23	Written Report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 10 November 2022 (**Deadline for papers:** 12pm 01 November 2022)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Merton Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report.	Report to the Panel	Independent Scrutineer Sarah Lawrence and Young Inspector.	Review the work of the Partnership.
Child Healthy Weight Programme.	Report to the Panel	Julia Groom, Consultant in Public Health	To Scrutinise the projects within this programme
Departmental Update	Report to the Panel	Jane McSherry, Director of Children Schools and Families	Review priority work streams within the Children Schools and Families Department.
Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To review the Basket of indicators and highlight items of concern
Work programme 2022/23	Written Report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 11 January 2023 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm 3 January 2022*)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Budget/business plan scrutiny	Written Report	Councillor Billy Christie, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services	To discuss and make recommendations to forward to Cabinet
Departmental update report including Speech and language services Alternative education provision Support for gifted and talented pupils	Written Report	Jane McSherry, Director of Children, Schools and Families	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.
Cabinet Member Priorities	Verbal Update	Councillor Sally Kenny, Cabinet Member for Education and Life Long Learning Councillor Brenda Fraser, Cabinet Member for Children's Services	To scrutinise the Cabinet Member's priorities and key areas of concern
Performance monitoring		Maisie Davies, Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To review the Basket of indicators and highlight items of concern
Work programme 2022/23	Written Report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 09 February 2022 (**Deadline for papers:** 12pm 31 January 2022)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Departmental update report	Written Report	Jane McSherry Director of Children, Schools and Families	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.
Mental health and wellbeing of children and young people	Written Report	Keith Shipman, Head of Education Inclusion	Panel to receive an update on this issue to ensure that services are meeting the needs of residents in Merton
Schools Standards Annual Report	Written Report	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick Assistant Director of Education and Early Help Keith Shipman, Head of Education Inclusion	To scrutinise attainment information
Merton Safeguarding Children Partnership	Written report	Aileen Buckton, Independent Chair of the MSCP	Review the work of the Partnership.
Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Maisie Davies, Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To review the Basket of indicators and highlight items of concern
Topic suggestions for 2022/23	Written Report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To identify topics for the 2023/24 work programme

Meeting date: 15 March 2022 (**Deadline for papers:** 12pm 07 March 2022)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
<p>Departmental Update Report:</p> <p>Care leavers accommodation</p> <p>Foster carer recruitment</p> <p>Support to young children (0-5), who have been identified as having significant special needs. including the Portage services</p>	<p>Report to the Panel</p>	<p>Jane McSherry, Director Children, Schools and Families</p>	<p>An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.</p>
<p>Special Meeting on Cllr's Corporate Parenting Role - including presentation on Cllr Corporate Parenting responsibilities and Corporate Parenting Annual Report.</p>	<p>Report/Presentation</p>	<p>Jane McSherry, Director Children, Schools and Families</p>	<p>Review Corporate Parenting role and the work undertaken in this area.</p>
<p>Performance monitoring</p>	<p>Basket of indicators</p>	<p>Maisie Davies, Head of Policy, Planning and Performance</p>	<p>To review the Basket of indicators and highlight items of concern</p>