

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme 2023/2024



This table sets out the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel work programme for 2023/24; the items listed were agreed by the Panel at its meeting on 21 June 2023. 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.

Chair: Councillor Usaama Kaweesa
Vice-chair: Councillor Chessie Flack

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Meeting date: 20 September 2023 (***Deadline for papers:*** 12pm, 11 September 2023)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Departmental update	Report to the Panel	Jane McSherry, Executive Director Children Lifelong Learning and Families	Review priority work streams within the Children Schools and Families Department.
Future of primary school places given birth rates are down	Report to the Panel	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Assistant Director of Education and Early Help	Review approach to managing school places.
Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Maisie Davies, Head of Performance, Improvement and Partnerships	To review the basket of indicators
Work programme 2023/24	Written Report	Councillor Usaama Kaweesa, Panel Chair	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 01 November 2023 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm 23rd October*)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Budget/business plan Round 1	Written Report	Councillor Billy Christie, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services	To discuss and make recommendations to forward to Commission
Quality of School Meals	Report to the Panel	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Assistant Director of Education and Early Help	Review quality of provision
Youth Services	Report to the Panel	Keith Shipman, Head of Education Inclusion	Review service and gaps in current provision
Youth Task Group - Report and Recommendations	Report to the Panel	Cllr Max Austin, Task Group Chair.	Agree the recommendations and for report to go to Cabinet.
Departmental Update	Report to the Panel	Jane McSherry, Executive Director; Children, Lifelong Learning and Families.	Review priority work streams within the Children Schools and Families Department.
Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Maisie Davies, Head of Performance, Improvement and Partnerships	To review the Basket of indicators and highlight items of concern

Work programme 2022/23	Written Report	Councillor Usaama Kaweesa, CYP Panel Chair	To review the work programme and agree any changes
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BUDGET

Meeting date: 10 January 2024 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm 29 December 2023*)

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
Merton Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report	Written Report	David Michael, Assistant Director Children's Social Care and Youth Inclusion	Review services over last 12 months.
Conditions of local playgrounds	Written Report	John Bosley, Assistant Director of Public Space Contract and Commission	Review quality of provision
Departmental update report including	Written Report	Jane McSherry, Executive Director; Children, Lifelong Learning and Families.	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.

Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Maisie Davies, Head of Performance, Improvement and Partnerships	To review the Basket of indicators and highlight items of concern
Work programme 2023/24	Written Report	Councillor Usaama Kaweesa, CYP Panel Chair	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 01 February 2024 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm 23 January 2024*)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Childhood Immunisations	Report to the Panel	NHS England	Review uptake of immunisations.
Healthy Weight Report	Report to the Panel	Public Health Merton	Review services to tackle childhood obesity
0-19 Health Update	Report to the Panel	Public Health Merton	Review services in for children aged 0-19
Departmental update report	Written Report	Jane McSherry, Executive Director; Children, Lifelong Learning and Families.	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.
Topic suggestions for 2023/24	Written Report	Councillor Usaama Kaweesa, CYP Panel Chair	To identify topics for the 2023/24 work programme

Meeting date: 11 March 2024 (**Deadline for papers:** 12pm 28 February 2024)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Corporate Parenting	Report to the Panel	David Michael, Assistant Director Children's Social Care and Youth Inclusion	Review service performance
Education Standards Report	Report to the Panel	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Assistant Director of Education and Early Help	Review overview of performance in schools and pupil exam results.
Departmental update report	Report to the Panel	Jane McSherry, Executive Director; Children, Lifelong Learning and Families.	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.
Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Maisie Davies, Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To review the Basket of indicators and highlight items of concern
Work programme 2023/24	Written Report	Councillor Usaama Kaweesa, CYP Panel Chair	To review the work programme