

## Forward Plan – BCP Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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The following forward plan items are suggested as early priorities to the Children’s Services O&S Committee by the Chair and Vice Chair, following consultation with officers.

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<b>19 September 2023</b>					
	<b>Members of Youth Parliament Annual Repot</b>	To enable the Committee to monitor the work of the MYPs	Committee Report	Members of Youth Parliament	Annual report – delayed from June meeting due to MYPs exams
	<b>Children's Services Workforce Overview - Children's Social Care and SEND Improvement Journey Themed Item</b>	To enable the Committee to monitor this issue and target scrutiny as required.	Committee Report	Rachel Gravett, Service Director Quality, Performance Improvement and Governance and Sarah Rempel, Service Director Education and Skills	Recurring item – this report merges both CS SC and SEND improvement journeys.
	<b>Ofsted Monitoring Visit 4 - Children in Care</b>	To enable the Committee to monitor this issue and target scrutiny as required.	Committee Report	Rachel Gravett, Director of Quality, Performance	Added by CS following its recent monitoring visit

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				Improvement and Governance	
<b>21 November 2023</b>					
	<b>Childcare Sufficiency Review 23/24</b>	To enable the Committee to monitor this issue and target scrutiny as required.	Committee Report	Darren Buckley, Senior Childcare Sufficiency and Funding Officer	Requested by DB via email on 3/3/23
<b>The rest of the 21 November 23 agenda to be confirmed following the work programming session.</b>					
<b>DATE to be allocated</b>					
1.	<b>Safety to and from school</b> <b>ON HOLD</b>	To provide the Committee with an overview	Committee Report	Children's Services and Transportation Services	To be scheduled in 2022.
2.	<b>Recruitment and retention of BCP Foster Carers</b>	To enable the Committee to monitor this issue and target scrutiny as required.	Committee Report	TBC	Request from Chair – 2/3/23 – removed from 19 Sept 23 meeting to allow further consideration at work programming session

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3.	<b>Report from the Child Exploitation Working Group</b>	To enable the Committee to receive an update on the work of the working group	Committee Report	Chair of working group and dem services	To report on the work and conclusion of the working group - removed from 19 Sept 23 meeting to allow further consideration at work programming session
4.	<b>Annual report from Corporate Parenting Board to include information on Children in Care</b>  To include details of any protected characteristics detailed within the Equalities Act	To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.	Committee Report	Jane White, Director of Children's Services	Delayed at the request of CS Officers due to capacity within Children's Services and the need to prioritise
5.	<b>Child Exploitation</b>  To include an update on County Lines and knife crime.	To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.	Being considered by the CE Working Group	Lynn McIntosh, Strategic Lead Complex Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	
6.	<b>All Age Autism Review Project</b>	To enable the Committee to be advised and contribute to this Dorset wide review	TBC	James Greenhalgh, Dorset CCG	Requested by CCG via email on 22/10/21 – chased by dem services on 16/3/22

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7.	<b>Progress of Harmonisation across Children's Services</b>	To enable the Committee to consider an update on the harmonisation project	Committee Report	Rachel Gravett, Head of QA, Governance and Improvement	Added at meeting with Chair and RG on 15/3/22 – taken of 22 Nov at request of CS
8.	<b>Review of Youth Services</b>	To enable the Committee to scrutinise before being consideration by Cabinet	Committee Report	TBC	Requested at Committee on 26/7/22
9.	<b>Progress Report on BMS</b>	To enable the Committee to monitor progress	Committee Report	TBC	Requested at Committee on 20/9/22
10.	<b>Permanent and Fixed Term Exclusions</b>	To enable the Committee to monitor progress	Committee Report	Sarah Rempel, Director of Education	Requested at Committee on 26/7/22 to monitor yearly
11.	<b>Review of alternative Provision</b>	To enable the Committee to consider the outcome of the review	Committee Report	TBC	Requested at Committee on 7/2/23
<b>Information Briefings</b>					
	<b>None arranged</b>				
<b>Commissioned Work</b> Work commissioned by the Committee (for example task and finish groups and working groups) is listed below: Note – to provide sufficient resource for effective scrutiny, one item of commissioned work will run at a time. Further commissioned work can commence upon completion of previous work.					

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<b>Update Items</b> The following items of information have been requested as updates to the Committee. The Committee may wish to receive these in an alternative to format to Committee updates (e.g. by emailed briefing note outside of the Committee) to reserve capacity in Committee meetings for items of value-added scrutiny.					
•	<b>Child Exploitation</b> To receive updated information at regular intervals on this matter, including how the council has effected positive change in relation to these figures.	To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.	To be received quarterly. <b>Report to be presented in June 2022</b>	Lynn McIntosh, Strategic Lead Complex Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	
•	<b>Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)</b> To receive KPIs to include updates on CMOEs and NEETs	To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.	To be received quarterly.	Rina Mistry Head of Performance (Interim) – Children's Services	RG to consider best way to report to CS O&S
<b>Annual Reports</b>					
•	<b>Virtual School Head Annual report</b>	To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.	To be received annually in January.	Kelly Twitchen, Head of Virtual School	

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•	<b>School Admissions Arrangements for community and maintained schools</b>	To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.	To be reported next in Sept or Nov 2022	Sarah Rempel, Director of Education	
•	<b>Youth Offending Service Annual Youth Justice Plan</b>	To enable consideration before approval at Cabinet and Council	June 2023	David Webb, Service Manager, Dorset YJS	
•	<b>Annual Report from CPB to include info on CIC</b>	To provide the Committee with an update on the work being done by the CPB	TBC	TBC	