

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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23 January 24 – Education themed Committee					
	Speech and Language Therapy	To enable the Committee to receive an update and target scrutiny were appropriate	Committee Report	TBC	Requested by Chair at meeting on 19 Sept.
	Exclusions – permanent and fixed term	To enable the Committee to monitor this issue and target scrutiny if required	Committee Report	Kelly Twitchen, Virtual Head	
	Virtual Head Annual Report	To enable the Committee to consider this annual report	Committee Report	Kelly Twitchen, Virtual Head	
	SEND Improvement Updates – theme TBA	To consider this update	Committee Report	TBA	
	Childcare Sufficiency Review 23/24	To enable the Committee to consider the review being it going to Cabinet	Information only item to be circulated before Committee	Darren Buckley, Senior Childcare Sufficiency and Funding Officer	Requested by DB via email on 3/3/23

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	School Admission Arrangements 2025/26 – Determination	To enable the Committee to consider this report being going to Cabinet for determination	Information only item to be circulated before Committee	Angie Hill	
	Mainstream Schools and Early Years Funding Formulae 24/25 Annual Report	To enable the Committee to consider this annual report	Information only report - circulated via email		
	Corporate Performance Q3 2023/24	To enable the Committee to consider this report	Information only report - circulated via email		
	Safety Valve	To receive a copy of any final submission.	Information only report – circulated via email	TBC	Requested by Chair.
19 March 24 – Social Care themed					
	Early Help System Diagnostic	This paper is to set out the diagnostic of the early help system within BCP and to explain the changes that have occurred within these services to lead to a better, more efficient and effective Early Help and prevention offer that will take us into the future, and incorporates elements of the Care Review. In addition, it will cover family hubs and how	Committee Report	Juliette Blake, Director of Safeguarding and Early Help	Requested by a Committee Member

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		we are transforming to work with all children and all age ranges within this service			
	CSC Improvement Update – theme TBA	To consider this update	Committee Report	TBA	
	Annual report from Corporate Parenting Board to include information on Children in Care 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?	TBC	
	Corporate Performance Q4 2023/24	To enable the Committee to consider this report	Information only report - circulated via email		
DATE to be allocated					
1.	Safety to and from school ON HOLD	To provide the Committee with an overview	Committee Report	Children's Services and Transportation Services	To be scheduled in 2022.
2.	Report from the Child Exploitation Working Group	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

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					allow further consideration at work programming session
3.	Child Exploitation 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	
4.	All Age Autism Review Project	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
5.	Progress of Harmonisation across Children's Services	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
6.	Review of Youth Services	To enable the Committee to scrutinise before being consideration by Cabinet	Committee Report	TBC	Coming to Committee in Nov 23 as part of Early Help item.
7.	Progress Report on BMS	To enable the Committee to monitor progress	Committee Report	TBC	Requested at Committee on 20/9/22
8.	Permanent and Fixed Term Exclusions	To enable the Committee to monitor progress	Committee Report	Sarah Rempel, Director of Education	Coming to Committee in Nov 23

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9.	Review of alternative Provision	To enable the Committee to consider the outcome of the review	Committee Report	TBC	Requested at Committee on 7/2/23
Information Briefings					
	None arranged				
Commissioned Work 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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Update Items 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.					
•	Child Exploitation 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. Report to be presented in June 2022	Lynn McIntosh, Strategic Lead Complex Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	

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•	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) 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
Annual Reports					
•	Virtual School Head Annual report	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	
•	School Admissions Arrangements for community and maintained schools	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	
•	Youth Offending Service Annual Youth Justice Plan	To enable consideration before approval at Cabinet and Council	June 2023	David Webb, Service Manager, Dorset YJS	
•	Annual Report from CPB to include info on CIC	To provide the Committee with an update on the work being done by the CPB	TBC	TBC	
•	Annual Report – Complaints and Compliments	For the Committee to receive this report	Information only report via email		

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•	Annual Report IRO service	For the Committee to receive this report	Information only report via email		Circulated to Committee in Nov 23