BCP Council Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Plan. Updated 24.07.24

Guidance notes:

- 2/3 items per committee meeting is the recommended maximum for effective scrutiny.
- The Children's Services O&S Committee will approach work through a lens of TBC
- Items requiring further scoping are identified and should be scoped using the Key Lines of Enquiry tool.
- Annual work programming activity is due to take place for this committee in September 2024.

	Subject and background	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Report Information
Meeting D	ate: 19 September 2024			
1.	CS Improvements Update	Committee report	Corporate Director for Children's Services Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	Committee to receive update on CS improvement
2.	CS Budget	Committee Report	Corporate Director for Children's Services Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	TBC
3.	O&S Annual Report The Overview and Scrutiny Specialist is required to report annually on the output of the O&S function.	Information only	Lindsay Marshall, Scrutiny Specialist	Requirement for O&S to produce an annual report to full Council and share with all O&S committees. To be received as an information only report.

Meeting Date: 26 November 2024					
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny (awaiting Cabinet FP update)				
2.	School Permanent Exclusions and Suspensions	Committee Report	Virtual School Headteacher Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	To receive an update following consideration at Committee in January 24	
3.	Environmental Health Service Powers - To advise the Committee of the extent of environmental health services powers to ensure the remit of housing is of good quality and fit for purpose for care experienced young people.	TBC	Director of Housing and Corporate Director for Children's Services Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	Officer report requested by Committee	
Meeting D	ate: 28 January 2025				
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny (awaiting Cabinet FP update)				
2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list				
3.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list				
Meeting D	Meeting Date: 11 March 2025				
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny (awaiting Cabinet FP update)				

2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
3.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
Meeting D	ate: 10 June 2025			
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny (awaiting Cabinet FP update)			
2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
3.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
Meeting D	ate: 15 September 2025			
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny (awaiting Cabinet FP update)			
2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
3.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
Meeting Date: 25 November 2025				
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny (awaiting Cabinet FP update)			

2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
3.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
Items with	Dates to be allocated			
	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	Committee Report	TBC	Enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.
	Review of Alternative Provision	Committee Report	TBC	Requested at Committee on 7/2/23 - Coming in Sept 24
Working G	Groups			
	Budget Development 2025/26			Agreed for inclusion of the workplan at the 24th July 24 meeting
	Family Hubs across BCP			Appendix E - Request for consideration of an issue by OS Famiy Hubs - Cllr Brown 003.pdf (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)
Item Suggestions for Briefing Sessions				
	POTENTIAL BRIEFING SESSIONS	TBC	TBC	TBC

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.

	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) To receive KPIs to include updates on CMOEs and NEETs	Committee Report	Head of Performance for Children and Young People Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	
Annual Ro	eport			
•	Virtual School Head Annual Report	Committee Report	Headteacher of Virtual School and College Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	To be received annually in January as an annual update.
•	School Admissions Arrangements for community and maintained schools	Committee Report	Director of Education	To be received annually in September/November as an annual update.
•	Youth Offending Service Annual Youth Justice Plan	Committee Report	Service Manager, Dorset YJS	To be received annually in June as an annual update.
•	Annual Report from CPB to include info on CIC	Committee Report	TBC	TBC
•	Annual Report – Complaints and Compliments	Committee Report		To note the information only report – in March

•	Annual Report IRO service	Committee Report	To note the information
			only report – in November