

## BCP Council Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Plan. Updated 17.01.25

### 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.



	Subject and background	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Report Information
Meeting Date: 28 January 2025				
1.	Children's Social Care Improvement Journey Update	Committee Report	Corporate Director for Children's Services Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	Committee to receive an update on Children's Social Care Improvement Journey
2.	Children's Services Capital Strategy 2025/26-2027/28	Committee Report	Schools Capital Programme Manager Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	For this Committee to have sight of the paper due to the value of the proposed spend for review and scrutiny before it goes to Cabinet.
3.	Children in Care and Care Experienced Young People Sufficiency Report	Committee Report	TBC	Was the fourth proactive priority chosen by the Committee
	School Admissions Arrangement 26/27 Pre Consultation Report.	Information only	Head of Service, Schools Planning and Admissions	

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			Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	
	<b>IRO Annual Report</b>	Information only	Service Manager for IRO, Child Protection and LADO Service.  Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	
Meeting Date: 11 March 2025				
1.	<b>Children and Young People's Partnership Plan</b>	Committee Report	TBC	Was the fifth proactive priority chosen by the Committee
2.	<b>CAMHS Transformation Update</b> <a href="#">KLOE for CAMHS Transformation Update - CS O&amp;S - 11 March 2025.docx</a>	Committee Report	TBC	Was the second proactive priority chosen by the Committee
3.	<b>Speech and Language Therapy Update</b> <a href="#">KLOE for Speech and Language Therapy Update - CS O&amp;S - 11 March 2025.docx</a>	Committee Report	TBC	Was the third proactive priority chosen by the Committee
4.	<b>Environmental Health Service Powers</b> - 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.  Delayed from December meeting due to resources.

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
	<b>SEND Improvement Update</b>	Information only	Interim Director of Education Holder for Children and Young People	Possible to make information only due to the large agenda
Meeting Date: 10 June 2025				
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny <a href="#">consult Cabinet Forward Plan</a>			
2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
3.	<b>Youth Justice Service Plan 2025/2026</b>	Committee Report	David Webb, Head of Service, Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service	Information only item as Committee can add no value
Meeting Date: 15 September 2025				
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny <a href="#">consult Cabinet Forward Plan</a>			
2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
3.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
	<b>Compliments and Complaints Report</b>	Information only		
Meeting Date: 25 November 2025				

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2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
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	<b>Safeguarding Annual Report</b>	Information only		
Items with Dates to be allocated				
	<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	Committee Report	TBC	Enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.
	<b>Children's Services Data Toolkit</b>	TBC	TBC	To enable the Committee to have a toolkit to consider data relating to CS
	<b>Strengthening Families, Supporting Communities Update (New Service Delivery Model)</b>	TBC	TBC	Was suggested by Officers but was not chosen as a priority by the Committee
	<b>Post 16 Provision</b>	TBC	TBC	Was suggested by Officers but was not chosen as a priority by the Committee

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	<b>CS Budget Updates</b>	TBC	TBC	Was suggested by Officers but was not chosen as a priority by the Committee
Working Groups				
	<b>Budget Development 2025/26</b>	2 working group sessions.	Completed in w/c 11/11/24.	Agreed for inclusion of the workplan at the 24th July 24 meeting
	<b>Family Hubs across BCP</b>	Proposed outline of working group included in scrutiny request	TBC	Requires full scoping <a href="#">Appendix E - Request for consideration of an issue by OS Family Hubs - Cllr Brown 003.pdf (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)</a>
	<b>Transition of mental health services from children to adults</b>			<a href="#">CS O&amp;S CAMHS.docx</a> Was chosen by the Committee as their top priority after conclusion of Family Hubs working group
	<b>The increased use of and funding for TAs in schools to support SEND and increase inclusion</b>			<a href="#">Scrutiny request form TAs.docx</a> Was chosen as second priority
	<b>Child Exploitation inc knife crime</b> – To consider and track Cabinet's response to the recommendations and how they could potentially be furthered by the Committee and whether this topic should be revisited by a working group			Discussed at the meeting of 24 July 2024. Was chosen as third priority

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	Parent / Carer Forums and wider family engagement channels used by BCP Children's Services and health colleagues			<a href="#">Scrutiny request form</a> Was chosen as fourth priority
	Review of the quality of food served to children at our schools			<a href="#">Scrutiny request form</a> <a href="#">School meals.docx</a> Was chosen as fifth priority
Item Suggestions for Briefing Sessions				
	<b>POTENTIAL BRIEFING SESSIONS</b>	TBC	TBC	TBC
<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>Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)</b> 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	Consideration being given to include in data tool kit
<b>Annual Report</b>				
•	<b>Virtual School Head Annual Report</b>	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.

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•	<b>School Admissions Arrangements for community and maintained schools</b>	Committee Report	Director of Education	To be received annually in September/November as an annual update.
•	<b>Youth Offending Service Annual Youth Justice Plan</b>	Committee Report	Service Manager, Dorset YJS	To be received annually in June as an annual update.
•	<b>Annual Report from CPB to include info on CIC</b>	Committee Report	TBC	TBC
•	<b>Annual Report – Complaints and Compliments</b>	Committee Report		To note the information only report – in March