

BCP Council Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Plan. Updated 25.2.26

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/ updates
10 March 2026				
1.	Families First Programme	Presentation		
2.	KLOE Children in Care – Budget Report	Committee Report		
3.	Verbal update from John Coughlan on SEND improvement Journey	Verbal Report		
	Local Area Partnership SEND inspection report	Information-only report		
	Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2025/26	Information-only report		
16 June 2026				
1.	Youth Justice Plan 2026/27	Committee Report		
2.	Youth Service Motion Report	Committee Report		

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3.	Dedicated Schools Grant Deficit Management - HOLD	Committee Report		
14 September 2026				
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny consult Cabinet Forward Plan			
2.	Invest to Save Budgets in the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant Update	Committee Report		Was agreed to come as Committee report in January 2026 meeting
3.	Best Start – Early Years Update Hold	Committee Report		Was agreed to come as Committee report in January 2026 meeting for either June or September meeting
24 November 2026				
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny consult Cabinet Forward Plan			
2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
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	reactive scrutiny consult Cabinet Forward Plan			
2.	Housing for Care Experienced Young People Update	Committee Report	Committee Report	Was agreed to come as Committee report in January 2026 meeting
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	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	Committee Report	Enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.
	Strengthening Families, Supporting Communities Update (New Service Delivery Model)	TBC	TBC	Was suggested by Officers but was not chosen as a priority by the Committee
	Post 16 Provision	TBC	TBC	Was suggested by Officers but was not chosen as a priority by the Committee
	Transition of mental health services from children to adults			CS O&S CAMHS.docx Was chosen by the Committee as their top priority after conclusion of Family Hubs working group

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	The increased use of and funding for TAs in schools to support SEND and increase inclusion			Scrutiny request form TAs.docx Was chosen as second priority
	Child Exploitation inc knife crime – 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
	Parent / Carer Forums and wider family engagement channels used by BCP Children's Services and health colleagues			Scrutiny request form Was chosen as fourth priority
	Review of the quality of food served to children at our schools			Scrutiny request form School meals.docx Was chosen as fifth priority
	POTENTIAL BRIEFING SESSIONS	TBC	TBC	

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	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) To receive KPIs to include updates on CMOEs and NEETs			Consideration being given to include in data tool kit
•	School Admissions Arrangements for community and maintained schools			
•	Youth Offending Service Annual Youth Justice Plan			
•	Annual Report from CPB to include info on CIC			
•	Annual Report – Complaints and Compliments			

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