

Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee Forward Work Programme 2019/2020

Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee (Chairman: Mrs Kay Hammond, Scrutiny Officer: Ross Pike)

Date of Meeting	Scrutiny Topic	Description	Outcome	Method
21 January 2020	Budget Scrutiny	Members to review the Directorate's proposed revenue and capital budget for 2020/21	The Committee is assured that the proposed budget aligns with the needs of residents and	Committee agenda item
	Report of the SEND Task and Finish Group	Members to receive an update on the work of the SEND Task and Finish Group	The Committee has reviewed the progress of the Task Group to date and is signposted on the emerging conclusions.	Committee agenda item
	Schools Alliance for Excellence (SAfE)	The Schools Alliance for Excellence (SAfE) is led by schools in partnership with Surrey County Council and other key partners in the education community. The SAfE's aim is to take responsibility for the quality of education in the county,	For the Committee to receive a report outlining the purpose and impact of the SAfE, seeking assurances that it is meeting the Council's core statutory duties for school improvement, as well as steering the changes needed to support the achievement of the community vision. Making recommendations as necessary.	Committee agenda item

		<p>acting as an engine of improvement, brokering connections and initiatives across schools in Surrey. The partnership has a particular focus on incentivising schools to uphold the Council’s vision to be inclusive and leave no child behind. Members will seek to understand the vision of the SAfE, taking into consideration the impact on children and young people in Surrey.</p>		
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Future items: Library transformation, CAMHS commissioning, Outcomes of Family Resilience Service.

Task Groups:

	<p>Special, Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</p>	<p>The Council has identified this service as one of its key areas for transformation. There are significant demand and budget pressures and a case for change that make this is a topic for scrutiny.</p>	<p>The Task Group is trying to answer the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How has the commissioning of SEND placements been successful to date in delivering the needs of service users, what are the mile stones for improvement and what assurances can be provided that they will be met within a sufficient timeframe? 2. What support is provided to mainstream primary schools for the early intervention of children with SEND and is the support sufficiently publicised and resourced? 3. In terms of SEND services, how is the resource gap in the school sector being addressed, and what impact does it have on SEND services as demand continues to rise. 	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>Chris Botten (chair)</p> <p>Chris Townsend</p> <p>Barbara Thomson</p>
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