

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

Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee (Chairman: Mrs Kay Hammond, Committees Business Manager: Ross Pike, Democratic Services Assistant: Bryony Crossland Davies)

Date of Meeting	Scrutiny Topic	Description	Outcome	Cabinet Member / Officer
26 MARCH 2020	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, 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.	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.	Julie Iles, Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning Liz Mills, Director – Education, Learning and Culture

	Surrey Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report	To review the last year's annual report, understand the new safeguarding arrangements for children and identify any areas for further scrutiny	Understanding of duties, focused scrutiny identified	Simon Hart, Independent Chair of the Surrey Safeguarding Board
	Report of the SEND Task and Finish Group	Members to receive an update on the work of the SEND Task and Finish Group.	Recommendations made to the Cabinet as appropriate	Chris Botten, Vice-Chairman of the CFLC Select Committee
Items to be Scheduled				
21 SEPTEMBER 2020	Update on the delivery of the Children's improvement programme	Committee to be apprised of the council's progress in improving its children's services including the outcome of the April 2020 Ofsted monitoring visit	Lead Member for Children and Senior Officers held to account	Mary Lewis, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families
	Children's Educational Attainment in Surrey	The Committee to review most up to date statistics on the attainment of children in Surrey's schools and review trends	<i>In development</i>	Julie Iles, Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning Liz Mills, Director – Education, Learning and Culture
	Scrutiny of school governing body support for vulnerable learners including LAC and children with SEN	The Committee to understand the level and type of support offered to vulnerable children and young people in schools and any gaps in service.	Assurance that students are getting the support they need in schools.	Mary Lewis, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families Julie Iles, Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning

				<p>Liz Mills, Director – Education, Learning and Culture</p> <p>Tina Benjamin, Director – Corporate Parenting</p>
	Corporate Parenting Annual Report	The first annual report of the council’s work with looked after children following the adoption of a new strategy	Assurance that the council is performing against the aspirations included in the Corporate Parenting Strategy	<p>Mary Lewis, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families</p> <p>Tina Benjamin, Director – Corporate Parenting</p>
DATE TBC	Library Transformation	Scrutiny of changes to the council’s library offer to ensure value for money and benefit to residents.	<i>In development</i>	<p>Julie Iles, Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning</p> <p>Liz Mills, Director – Education, Learning and Culture</p>
	CAMHS Commissioning	To scrutinise preparations for a new service that meets the needs of children and young people and improves on current service levels.	<i>In development</i>	<p>Mary Lewis, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families</p> <p>Hayley Connor, Director - Commissioning</p>
	Outcomes of Family Resilience Service	To review the impact of the change in service approach following a period of embedding.	<i>In development</i>	<p>Jacquie Burke, Director – Family Resilience & Safeguarding</p>

Task Groups

<p>September 2019 – March 2020</p>	<p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Task Group</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 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 milestones 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 resources? 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>Membership:</p> <p>Chris Botten (Chair)</p> <p>Chris Townsend</p> <p>Barbara Thomson</p>
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Standing Items (to be considered at each formal Select Committee)

- **Update on Cabinet Member priorities-** For the Select Committee to receive an update on work that has been undertaken by Cabinet Members and areas of priority work/focus going forward.