

# Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee

## Forward Work Programme 2023

Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee  
 Chairman: Fiona Davidson | Scrutiny Officer: Julie Armstrong | Democratic Services Assistant: Emily Wilkinson

Date of Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Issue for Scrutiny	Purpose	Outcome	Relevant Organisational Priorities	Cabinet Member/Lead Officer
20 July 2023	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Timeliness of Education Health and Care Plans</b>	Review compliance with statutory requirement to complete Education, Health, and Care needs assessments within 20 weeks. Include current position compared with previous two years and with other local authorities, and strategies to resolve backlog.	To improve the timeliness of EHCPs.	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning  Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning  Tracey Sanders, Assistant Director for Inclusion and Additional Needs SW  Julia Katherine, Assistant Director for Inclusion and Additional Needs NE

20 July 2023	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Safeguarding arrangements for resettled, in particular unaccompanied, children</b>	Review the needs of resettled children and families, the support provided to them to settle into schools and communities and how the child is safeguarded, with a focus on unaccompanied children.	To know if resettled children are being kept safe and if the Council is meeting its requirements.	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families  Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning  Mary Burguieres, Assistant Director for Systems & Transformation (chair of the Immigration and Education Rapid Response Group)
20 July 2023	Performance overview	<b>Corporate Parenting Annual Report and Performance Report in relation to Looked After Children</b>	Review key performance data for year ending March 2023 for Looked After Children as compared with statistical neighbours and nationally, and any relevant national policy developments that impact Corporate Parenting. Include regulating supported accommodation for looked after children and care leavers aged 16 and 17; experiences and progress of care leavers.	To understand experiences of Looked After Children and how the Council is performing.	Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities	Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families  Tina Benjamin, Director – Corporate Parenting  Racheal Ireton, Corporate Parenting Project Manager

<b>2 October 2023</b>	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Alternative Provision</b>	Review AP given the large number of children and young people with additional needs in these types of provisions – numbers of registered and unregistered providers in Surrey, and how many are used outside Surrey.	Evaluate provision	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning  Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning
<b>2 October 2023</b>	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Open Access Libraries</b>	Monitor progress in introducing Open Access technology into 13 priority libraries	Committee reviews outcomes ahead of future implementation	Empowering communities	Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety  Marie Snelling, Executive Director for Customer and Communities  Sue Wills, Assistant Director for Cultural Services
<b>2 October 2023</b>	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Educational attainment and post-16 destinations</b>	Review information, inc. for specific (particularly vulnerable) cohorts, on the educational attainment and development of Surrey pupils, including centre assessed grades, and post-16 destinations and NEET.	Cabinet Member and senior officers held to account for learners' outcomes.	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning  Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning

<p><b>2 October 2023</b></p>	<p>Overview, policy development and review</p>	<p><b>Inclusion in education</b></p>	<p>Review number and characteristics of children missing education and full-time education and approach to including disengaged children and young people in education, and exclusions data and practice.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member and senior officers held to account on providing an inclusive education system which enables disadvantaged children and young people to achieve positive outcomes.</p>	<p>Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities</p>	<p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning</p> <p>Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning</p>
<p><b>6 December 2023 (one additional item to Budget only)</b></p>	<p>Overview, policy development and review</p>	<p><b>Home to School Transport Allowance</b></p>	<p>Review handling of applications for the start of the 2023/24 academic year</p>	<p>Committee monitors progress following learning review, assesses implementation of recommendations.</p>	<p>Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Enabling a greener future, Empowering communities</p>	<p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning</p> <p>Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Lucy Clements, Director for CFL Commissioning</p> <p>Michael Smith, Strategic Finance Business Partner - Strategy &amp; Innovation</p>

<p><b>6 December 2023</b></p>	<p>Pre-decision scrutiny</p>	<p><b>Budget 2024/25</b></p>	<p>Select Committee to receive draft budget proposals for 2024/25.</p>	<p>Committee scrutinises the Council's budget proposals, provides feedback and makes recommendations.</p>	<p>Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Enabling a greener future, Empowering communities</p>	<p>Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families;</p> <p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning;</p> <p>Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety;</p> <p>Rachael Wardell, Executive Director – Children, Families and Lifelong Learning;</p> <p>Marie Snelling, Executive Director – Communities and Transformation;</p> <p>Anna D'Alessandro, Director - Corporate Finance &amp; Commercial;</p> <p>Rachel Wigley, Director - Finance Insights &amp; Performance;</p> <p>Daniel Peattie, Strategic Finance Business Partner CFL</p>
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**Items to potentially be scheduled**

<i>(Date)</i>	<i>(Type)</i>	<i>(Issue)</i>	<i>(Purpose)</i>	<i>(Outcome)</i>	<i>(Cabinet Member/Lead Officer)</i>	
<b>tbc</b>	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Universal youth work</b>	Review the provision of universal youth work and outcomes for all young people at county and district levels and outcomes for service users; compare and contrast data from new provision with that of previous provision.	Committee assured of adequacy and impact of provision.	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families  Matt Ansell, Director – Family Resilience and Safeguarding  Jackie Clementson, Assistant Director for Early Help and Hubs
<b>tbc</b>	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Safeguarding children</b>	Committee to review service performance and outcomes for service users following transformation including the introduction of new practice models.	Committee assured of service performance, outcomes for users and identifies any learning opportunities following service transformation and embedding of new practice models.	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Enabling a greener future, Empowering communities	Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families  Matt Ansell, Director for Family Resilience and Safeguarding  Alison Cutler, Partnership Development Manager - Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership
<b>tbc</b>	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Active children and young people</b>	Committee to review the benefits of physical activity and the opportunities provided by the council and partners for children and	Committee to understand benefits of physical activity, sport and high-quality PE for	Tackling health inequality, Enabling a greener future	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning

			<p>young people to be physically active, including physical education (PE) and sport provision and active travel opportunities in maintained schools; and to review local public health data regarding child and young person health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>children and young people, evaluate the offer in Surrey, and make recommendations as appropriate.</p>		<p>Mark Nuti, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health</p> <p>Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety</p> <p>Marie Snelling, Executive Director for Customer and Communities</p> <p>Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Ruth Hutchinson, Director for Public Health</p> <p>Maria Dawes, CEO – Schools Alliance for Excellence</p>
tbc	<p>Overview, policy development and review</p>	<p><b>School standards, improvement and policy</b></p>	<p>Committee to review annual change in Ofsted gradings of, and inspection-finding trends re, Surrey schools, the work and impact of the Schools Alliance for Excellence and the strategic direction for maintained schools, including relevant national policy developments.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member and senior officers held to account for school standards and improvement; and Committee updated on strategic direction for maintained schools.</p>	<p>Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities</p>	<p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning</p> <p>Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Maria Dawes, CEO – Schools Alliance for Excellence</p>

tbc	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Youth homelessness</b>	Committee to review the incidence and issue of youth homelessness in Surrey and the support available to young people who are at risk of, or are experiencing, homelessness, including non-statutory homelessness	Committee holds Cabinet Member and senior officers to account and makes recommendations as appropriate.	Tackling health inequality	Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families  Rachael Wardell, Executive Director for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning
tbc	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Adolescent suicide</b> <b>(joint with, and led by, Adults and Health SC)</b>	Committees to review the issue of adolescent suicide and the proposed strategic approach.	Committees understand issues and evaluate proposed approach.	Tackling health inequality	Mark Nuti, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health  Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families  Lucy Clements, Director – CFL Commissioning  Matt Ansell, Director – Family Resilience and Safeguarding

### Standing Items

- **Recommendations Tracker and Forward Work Programme:** Monitor Select Committee recommendations and requests and forward work programme.
- **Performance Overview:** 4-page dashboard of key indicators in Children’s Services, showing level of progress made against ILACS recommendations; social worker and foster carer turnover data; 2-page overview comparing current external assessors’ grades with previous year, in all areas of CFLLC remit.
- **Additional Needs and Disabilities monitoring:** Receive report on progress made towards and barriers against achieving the recommendations for the Inclusion Strategy agreed by Committee on 15 December 2022.