

Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee

Forward Work Programme 2023-24

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 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
6 December 2023	Pre-decision scrutiny	Budget 2024/25	Select Committee to receive draft budget proposals for 2024/25, provide feedback and make recommendations	Help to ensure value for money and sufficiency of services	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; Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning; Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety; Rachael Wardell, Executive Director – Children, Families and Lifelong Learning; Marie Snelling, Executive Director – Communities and Transformation; Anna D’Alessandro, Director - Corporate Finance & Commercial; Rachel Wigley, Director - Finance Insights & Performance; Matt Marsden, Strategic Finance Business Partner CFL

	Overview, policy development and review	Home to School Travel Assistance	Review handling of applications for the start of the 2023/24 academic year, and impact of capital programme on H2STA costs forecast over medium term	Committee monitors progress following learning review, assesses implementation of recommendations	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Enabling a greener future, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning; Lucy Clements, Director for CFL Commissioning; Gerry Hughes, Head of CFL Business Support; Michael Smith, Temporary SRO for H2STA improvement plan
	Overview, policy development and review	Report of the Additional Needs and Disabilities Task Group	Committee to review and endorse the Task Group's report and its recommendations		Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit	Jeremy Webster, Chairman of the Task Group
15 February 2024	Overview, policy development and review	Alternative Provision	Review AP given the large number of children and young people with additional needs in these types of provisions – numbers of and outcomes in registered and unregistered providers in Surrey, and how many are used outside Surrey	Understand if children in unregistered AP have good educational outcomes by comparison with children in registered AP	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 Dee Turvill, Alternative Provision & Participation Manager

	Overview, policy development and review	Sufficiency – Foster carers	Understand if the plan is delivering on fostering and how recruitment and retention of foster carers can be improved	Improve sufficiency	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families Tina Benjamin, Director for Corporate Parenting
4 April 2024	Overview, policy development and review	Universal youth work	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 <i>[NB there is an informal on Youth Justice in Sept 2023]</i>	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 for Family Resilience and Safeguarding; Jackie Clementson, Assistant Director for Early Help, Youth Justice and Adolescent Service
	Overview, policy development and review	Adult Learning and Skills	Committee asked at June 2023 meeting for a progress report in relation to the Task Group's recommendations, to include an analysis of the funding implications	Parity in community learning and adult skills across Surrey	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Enabling a greener future, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning; Matt Furniss, Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Growth; Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning; Dawn Redpath, Director for Economy and Growth

<p>2024 date tbc with AHSC</p>	<p>Overview, policy development and review</p>	<p>Children's Mental Health (joint with and led by Adults and Health Select Committee)</p>	<p>Mindworks (including transitions) and access to mental health provision within Education</p>	<p>Improve mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children in Surrey</p>	<p>Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities</p>	<p>Mark Nuti, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health; Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families; Harriet Derrett-Smith, Associate Director for Commissioning - Health & Wellbeing; Kerry Clarke, lead for Children's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health</p>
<p>Informal Meetings</p>						
<p>23 October 2023</p>	<p>Pre-decision</p>	<p>2024/25 Budget Planning</p>	<p>Overall corporate budget position, relevant Directorate budget positions, findings of sub-group deep dives, early work on Equality Impact Assessments</p>	<p>Sinead Mooney Clare Curran Denise Turner-Stewart Rachael Wardell Marie Snelling Anna D'Alessandro Rachel Wigley Nikki O'Connor Matt Marsden</p>		

<p>Autumn 2023 tbc</p>	<p>Overview, policy development and review</p>	<p>Safeguarding of Unaccompanied Asylum-seeking Children</p>	<p>Review the needs of asylum seeking and refugee children and families, and the support provided to them to settle into schools and communities, with a focus on unaccompanied children.</p>	<p>Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families; Mary Burguieres, Assistant Director for Systems & Transformation (chair of the Immigration and Education Rapid Response Group)</p>
<p>Spring 2024 tbc</p>	<p>For information</p>	<p>Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) case review</p>	<p>For SSCP to share with the Committee learnings from case review on racial incident outside Ashford school.</p>	<p>Independent Chair SSCP; Matt Ansell, Director – Family Resilience and Safeguarding</p>

Task and Finish Groups

<p><u>Topic</u></p>	<p><u>Relevant organisational priorities</u></p>	<p><u>Membership</u></p>
<p>Oct-Dec 2023: Additional Needs and Disabilities, being scoped.</p>	<p>Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</p>	<p>Jeremy Webster (Chairman), Jonathan Essex, Fiona White, Mark Sugden, Bob Hughes</p>
<p>11 October 2023: Budget sub-group to deep dive into Looked After Children Placements and Home to School Travel Assistance. Reporting back to Budget briefing on 23 October 2023.</p>	<p>Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</p>	<p>Chris Townsend (Chairman), Fiona Davidson, Jeremy Webster, Mark Sugden, Fiona White</p>

Date tbc – likely early spring 2024: Deep dive day on Care Leavers – accommodation, support (staffing/process, Personal Advisors), transitions.	Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities	To be determined
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Standing Items

- **Recommendations Tracker and Forward Work Programme:** Monitor Select Committee recommendations and requests and forward work programme.
- **Performance Overview:** Dashboard of key indicators in Children’s Services, showing level of progress made against ILACS recommendations; social worker and foster carer turnover data; overview comparing current external assessors’ grades with previous year, in all areas of CFLLC remit.