

# Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee Forward Work Programme 2024

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

Date of Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Issue for Scrutiny	Purpose	Outcome	Relevant Organisation I Priorities	Cabinet Member/Lead Officer
12 September 2024	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Children Missing Education</b>	Explore how many children of statutory school age are not registered at school or suitably electively home educated, the range of reasons and the impact	Provide an inclusive education system which enables all children and young people to achieve their potential	Tackling health Inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Sandra Morrison, Assistant Director for Inclusion and Additional Needs SE; Mark Keiller, Service Manager for Children Not In School
	Overview, policy development and review	<b>End-to-end review of EHCP process with EHCP Recovery Plan</b>	Learn lessons from and monitor implementation of improvements following in-house review by Digital Discovery team in early 2024 Progress check if plan is working to bring timeliness in line with statutory obligation	Improve EHCP process and timeliness, make easier to navigate and reduce complaints	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Tracey Sanders, Assistant Director for Inclusion and Additional Needs SW; Liz Bone, Send County Service Planning & Performance Leader - SEN Recovery

	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Additional Needs and Disabilities: Parental Experience Task Group</b>	Committee to receive the report of the Additional Needs Task Group	Committee reviews and endorses the report and its recommendations	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Jeremy Webster, Task Group Chairman
<b>14 November 2024</b>	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Transitions to Adulthood</b>	Review outcomes in areas of educational attainment/ destinations, mental health and housing for vulnerable cohorts, particularly those with AND, are how they are helped to prepare for adulthood. Exclude care leavers as these will be subject of deep dive day	Enable disadvantaged children and young people to achieve positive outcomes	Tackling health Inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Julia Katherine, Director – Education and Lifelong Learning;

<p><b>3 December 2024</b></p>	<p>Pre-decision scrutiny</p>	<p><b>2025/26 Budget and MTFS to 2029/30</b></p>	<p>Select Committee to receive draft budget proposals, provide feedback and make recommendations</p>	<p>Help to ensure value for money and sufficiency of services</p>	<p><b>Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Enabling a greener future, Empowering communities</b></p>	<p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety; Rachael Wardell, Executive Director – Children, Families and Lifelong Learning; Liz Mills, interim Executive Director – Customer, Digital &amp; Transformation; Anna D'Alessandro, Director - Corporate Finance &amp; Commercial; Rachel Wigley, Director - Finance Insights &amp; Performance; Nikki O'Connor (Corporate), Kay Goodacre (CFLL), Louise Lawson (CDC) &amp; Will House (VCFS) Strategic Finance Business Partners</p>
	<p>Overview, policy development and review</p>	<p><b>Libraries</b></p>	<p>Scrutinise modernisation of the Library Estate as part of the Library and Cultural Services Transformation programme, including refurbishment of Epsom, Redhill, Staines and Woking and impact of Open Access technology</p>	<p>Provide modern and inclusive multi-use facilities and value for money</p>	<p><b>Empowering Communities, Enabling a greener future, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</b></p>	<p>Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities; Liz Mills, interim Executive Director of Customer, Digital and Change; Sue Wills, Assistant Director for Cultural Services</p>

<b>13 March 2025</b>	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Intensive Family Support Service</b>	Review performance data on the service from April 2024 supporting families who step up and down from statutory services	Check outcomes of new service	Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities	Maureen Attewell, Deputy Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning Matt Ansell, Director - Safeguarding & Family Resilience Jackie Clementson, Assistant Director - Early Help, Youth Justice & Adolescent Adam Thomas, Head Of Early Help & Family Support
	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Youth Service</b>	Scrutinise new strategy for universal youth work	Ensure SCC buildings used for intended purpose and young people have supportive environment in community hubs	Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities	Maureen Attewell, Deputy Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning Matt Ansell, Director - Safeguarding & Family Resilience Jackie Clementson, Assistant Director - Early Help, Youth Justice & Adolescent Dave McLean, Service Manager - Early Help, Youth Justice & Adolescent Service

Informal Meetings

<p><b>28 June 2024 and 30 September 2024</b></p>	<p>Policy development</p>	<p><b>2025/26 Budget briefings</b></p>	<p>June to cover: Core Planning Assumptions, Directorate Budgets, Business Plans, Directorate SWOT Analysis, Performance Data, Budget Monitoring Position, Key Transformation Programmes, review of recent relevant scrutiny. Output: Identify 2 topics for 'deep dive'.</p> <p>September to cover: Deep dive recommendations, Updated Budget Position, in-year budget monitoring position and updated Core Planning Assumptions. Output: Private Briefing Note for Cabinet to consider / inform Draft Budget proposals</p>	<p>As December budget</p>
<p><b>26 September 2024</b></p>	<p>Pre-decision</p>	<p><b>Lifetime of Learning Strategy</b></p>	<p>Briefing on the Lifetime of Learning Strategy going to Cabinet October 2024</p>	<p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Julia Katherine, Director – Education and Lifelong Learning</p>
<p><b>tbc</b></p>	<p>Overview, policy development and review</p>	<p><b>Safeguarding of Unaccompanied Asylum-seeking Children</b></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>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Mary Burguieres, Assistant Director for Systems &amp; Transformation</p>
<p><b>tbc</b></p>	<p>For information</p>	<p><b>Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) case review</b></p>	<p>For SSCP to share with the Committee learnings from case review on racial incident outside Ashford school.</p>	<p>Derek Benson, Independent Chair SSCP;  Matt Ansell, Director – Family Resilience and Safeguarding</p>

Task and Finish Groups

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Relevant organisational priorities</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Jan-Jul 2024: <b>Additional Needs and Disabilities: Parent and Carer Experience</b>	Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit	Jeremy Webster (Chairman), Jonathan Essex, Mark Sugden, Bob Hughes

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 SEND, EHCP timeliness and 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.

Practice Improvement and Performance Information informal meetings: 22 July, 10 September and 2 December 2024.