

# Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee

## Forward Work Programme 2021 - 2022

Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee  
 Chairman: Liz Bowes | Scrutiny Officer: Ross Pike | Democratic Services Assistant: Emily Beard

| Date of Meeting | Type of Scrutiny                        | Issue for Scrutiny              | Purpose  | Outcome  | Relevant Organisational Priorities                       | Cabinet Member/Lead Officer   |
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| 6 July 2022     | Overview, policy review and development | <b>School place sufficiency</b> | To review strategic approach to ensuring a sufficiency of school places within a sustainable system, including schools capital estate (maintained, special and PRUs) management and programme, admissions and place planning (including current and forecast roll numbers); and updated on any relevant national policy developments, such as schools white paper. | Committee reviews strategic approach to maintaining a sufficiency of places within a sustainable school system and makes recommendations as appropriate. | Tackling health inequality<br><br>Empowering communities | Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning<br><br>Liz Mills, Director – Education and Lifelong Learning |

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| <p><b>6 July 2022</b></p>    | <p>Overview, policy review and development</p> | <p><b>Children's Services (ILACS) inspection findings and Corporate Parenting Annual Report</b></p> | <p>To review findings of Ofsted inspection of the Council's children's services and actions to be taken in response.</p> <p>Update on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Corporate Parenting; the development of the work of the Corporate Parenting Board; and the key performance data for year ending March 2021 for looked after children as compared with statistical neighbours and nationally; and updated on any relevant national policy developments, such as Care Review output.</p> | <p>Inspection findings and response and corporate parenting annual report reviewed; Lead Member and senior officers held to account.</p> | <p>Tackling health inequality</p> <p>Empowering communities</p>  | <p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p> <p>Tina Benjamin, Director – Corporate Parenting</p> <p>Matt Ansell, Director – Family Resilience and Safeguarding</p> |
| <p><b>4 October 2022</b></p> | <p>Overview, policy review and development</p> | <p><b>Universal youth work</b></p>  | <p>To review the provision of universal youth work and outcomes for all young people at county and district levels and outcomes for service users; and contrast data from new provision with that of previous provision.</p>  | <p>Committee assured of adequacy and impact of provision</p>   | <p>Tackling health inequalities</p> <p>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</p> <p>Empowering communities</p> | <p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p> <p>Matt Ansell, Director – Family Resilience and Safeguarding</p>  |

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| 4 October 2022 | Overview, policy review and development                         | <b>Family centres</b>   | To review the new model of providing support to families, including by reviewing usage and outcomes for services users and also all families; and contrast data from new provision with that of previous provision.  | Committee assured new model is effectively supporting families to build their resilience and self-reliance.  | Tackling health inequality  | Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families<br>Matt Ansell, Director – Family Resilience and Safeguarding  |
| 4 October 2022 | Overview, policy review and policy development and pre-decision | <b>SEND Transformation Update and the development of the next SEND Strategy</b> | Committee to review progress of SEND Transformation Programme and Safety Valve agreement, be updated on the development of the SEND strategy and recent complaints data and insights; and updated on any relevant national policy developments, such as output of SEND review. | Cabinet Member and senior officers held to account in respect of SEND Transformation; and Committee reviews the development of the new SEND strategy and its anticipated principles. | Tackling health inequality<br><br>Empowering communities<br><br>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit | Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning<br>Liz Mills, Director – Education and Lifelong Learning<br>Emily George, Assistant Director – SEND Transformation<br>Julia Katherine, Assistant Director – Inclusion and Additional Needs (NW Quadrant and policy lead)<br><b>External</b><br>Family Voice Surrey |
| 4 October 2022 | Pre-decision  | <b>Children's Social Care Workforce Strategy</b>                                | Committee to review children's social care workforce stability and challenges, thematic analysis of exit survey responses and proposed changes to the children's social care workforce strategy.   | Committee holds Cabinet Member and senior officers to account and makes recommendations as appropriate.  | Tackling health inequality  | Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families<br>Rachael Wardell, Executive Director for Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture<br>Matt Ansell, Director for Family Resilience and Safeguarding   |

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| <p><b>4 October 2022</b></p> | <p>Overview, policy review and policy development</p> | <p><b>Report of the Adult Learning and Skills Task Group</b></p> | <p>Committee to receive the report of the Adult Learning and Skills Task Group.</p> | <p>Committee reviews and endorses the Report and its recommendations.</p> | <p>Tackling health inequality</p> <p>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</p> <p>Enabling a greener future</p> <p>Empowering communities</p> | <p>Chris Townsend, Vice-Chairman/Chairman of the Adult Learning and Skills Task Group</p> |
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| <p><b>8 December 2022</b></p> | <p>Pre-decision</p>                            | <p><b>Budget 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy</b></p>         | <p>Select Committee to receive draft budget proposals and Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2022/23.</p>                                  | <p>Select Committee scrutinises relevant aspects of the Council's draft budget and medium-term financial strategy, provides feedback and makes recommendations.</p> | <p>Tackling health inequality</p> <p>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</p> <p>Enabling a greener future</p> <p>Empowering communities</p> | <p>Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning</p> <p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p> <p>Mark Nuti, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>Rachael Wardell, Executive Director – Children, Families and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Marie Snelling, Executive Director – Communities and Transformation</p> |
| <p><b>8 December 2022</b></p> | <p>Overview, policy review and development</p> | <p><b>Children with Disabilities – social care and safeguarding</b></p> | <p>Committee to review the practice and performance and improvement progress and priorities of the Children with Disabilities Service.</p> | <p>Cabinet Member and Senior Officers held to account.</p>  | <p>Tackling health inequality</p>   | <p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p> <p>Tina Benjamin, Director for Corporate Parenting</p> <p>Matt Ansell, Director for Family Resilience and Safeguarding</p>  |

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| <p><b>Meeting 1 of 2023</b></p> | <p>Performance and overview, policy review and development</p> | <p><b>Inclusion in education</b></p> | <p>Committee to 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 for providing an inclusive education system which enables disadvantaged children and young people to achieve positive outcomes</p> | <p>Tackling health inequality</p> <p>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</p> <p>Empowering communities</p> | <p>Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning</p> <p>Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning</p>                |
| <p><b>Meeting 1 of 2023</b></p> | <p>Overview, policy review and development</p>                 | <p><b>Youth homelessness</b></p>     | <p>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.</p>  | <p>Committee holds Cabinet Member and senior officers to account and makes recommendations as appropriate.</p>   | <p>Tackling health inequality</p>  | <p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p> <p>Rachael Wardell, Executive Director for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning</p> |

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| <p><b>Meeting 2 of 2023</b></p> | <p>Overview, policy review and development</p>                 | <p><b>Active children and young people</b></p>                | <p>Committee to review the benefits of physical activity and the opportunities provided by the council and partners for children and 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>Committee to understand benefits of physical activity, sport and high-quality PE for children and young people, evaluate the offer in Surrey, and make recommendations as appropriate.</p> | <p>Tackling health inequality<br/><br/>Enabling a greener future</p>   | <p>Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning<br/><br/>Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health<br/><br/>Mark Nuti, Cabinet Member for Communities<br/><br/>Marie Snelling, Executive Director for Customer and Communities<br/><br/>Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning<br/><br/>Ruth Hutchinson, Director for Public Health<br/><br/>Maria Dawes, CEO – Schools Alliance for Excellence</p> |
| <p><b>Meeting 2 of 2023</b></p> | <p>Performance and overview, policy review and development</p> | <p><b>Educational attainment and post-16 destinations</b></p> | <p>Committee to 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.</p>   | <p>Cabinet Member and senior officers held to account for learners' outcomes.</p>   | <p>Tackling health inequality<br/><br/>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit<br/><br/>Empowering communities</p> | <p>Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning<br/><br/>Liz Mills, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning</p>   |

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| <p><b>Meeting 3 of 2023</b></p> | <p>Performance and overview, policy review and development</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</p> <p>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</p> <p>Empowering communities</p>                                  | <p>Denise Turner-Stewart, 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>                              |
| <p><b>Meeting 4 of 2023</b></p> | <p>Overview, policy review and development</p>                 | <p><b>Support for resettled children and families</b></p> | <p>Committee to review the needs of resettled children and families and the support provided to them.</p>   | <p>Cabinet Members and senior officers held to account</p>   | <p>Tackling health inequality</p> <p>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</p>  | <p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p> <p>Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning</p> <p>Rachael Wardell, Executive Director for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning</p> |
| <p><b>Meeting 4 of 2023</b></p> | <p>Overview, policy review and development</p>                 | <p><b>Family Resilience</b></p>                           | <p>Committee to review service performance and outcomes for service users following transformation including the introduction of new practice models.</p>   | <p>Committee assured of service performance, outcomes for users and identifies any learning opportunities following service transformation and embedding of new practice models.</p> | <p>Tackling health inequality</p> <p>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</p> <p>Enabling a greener future</p> <p>Empowering communities</p> | <p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p> <p>Simon Hart, Independent Chair – Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership</p>   |



| Items to be scheduled |   |   |  |   |                            |   |
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| <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 review and development | <b>Adolescent suicide (joint with, and led by, Adults and Health)</b>   | Committees to review the issue of adolescent suicide and the proposed strategic approach.                    | Committees understand issues and evaluates proposed approach. | Tackling health inequality | Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families<br><br>Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health |
| <b>TBC</b>            | Overview, policy review and development | <b>Children and young people emotional wellbeing and mental health (joint with, and led by, Adults and Health Select Committee)</b> | Committees review implementation and impact of new CYP EWMH service and make recommendations as appropriate. |   |                            |   |

| Task and Finish Groups           |   |  |
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| <b>Topic</b>                     | <b><u>Relevant organisational priorities</u></b>                          | <b><u>Membership</u></b>   |
| <b>Adult Learning and Skills</b> | <u>Tackling health inequality</u><br><br><u>Enabling a greener future</u> | <u>Chris Townsend (Chair)</u><br><br><u>Jonathan Essex</u><br><br><u>Fiona White</u> |

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|                                   | <u>Empowering communities</u><br><br><u>Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit</u> | <u>Jeremy Webster</u><br><br><u>Catherine Baart</u> |
| <b>To be established: Neglect</b> |   |   |

**Standing Items**

- **Recommendations Tracker and Forward Work Programme:** Monitor Select Committee recommendations and requests and forward work programme.