

# 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: Emily Wilkinson

Date of Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Issue for Scrutiny	Purpose	Outcome	Relevant Organisational Priorities	Cabinet Member/Lead Officer
17 April 2024	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Youth work</b>	Review the provision of youth work and outcomes for all young people at county and district levels and outcomes for service users since universal youth work was replaced by targeted youth work following Cabinet decision in 2018; 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	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; 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	<b>Adult Learning and Skills</b>	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 Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Matt Furniss, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth; Julia Katherine, Director for Education and Lifelong Learning; Dawn Redpath, Director for Economy and Growth

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<p><b>10 May 2024 (hosted by AHSC)</b></p>	<p>Overview, policy development and review</p>	<p><b>Children’s Mental Health</b> (joint with and led by Adults and Health Select Committee)</p>	<p>Review Mindworks performance data (number of referrals and timeliness of assessments), lessons learned and implemented as a result, how they are being managed and how they are supporting children with unique needs.</p>	<p>Assurance there is a plan to meet current unmet needs and 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 Health and Wellbeing, and Public Health Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Rachael Wardell, DCS; Helen Coombes, Executive Director for Adults, Health and Wellbeing; Harriet Derrett-Smith, Associate Director for Commissioning - Health &amp; Wellbeing; Kerry Clarke, lead for Children’s Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health</p>
<p><b>27 June 2024</b></p>	<p>Overview, policy development and review</p>	<p><b>Children Missing Education</b></p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Provide an inclusive education system which enables all children and young people to achieve their potential</p>	<p>Tackling health Inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Empowering communities</p>	<p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Julia Katherine, Director – Education and Lifelong Learning; Sandra Morrison, Assistant Director for Inclusion and Additional Needs SE</p>

	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Home to School Travel Assistance Update</b>	Committee recommended in December 2023 that Family Voice Surrey provide an update to the Committee on progress made against each of their recommendations	Achieve learning review objectives	Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Enabling a greener future, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning Patricia Denney, Director – CFL Quality & Performance Gerry Hughes, Interim Assistant Director – Support Services (Home to School)
	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Report of the Additional Needs and Disabilities Task Group</b>	Committee to review and endorse the Task Group's report and its recommendations	Improved support of CYP with AND and their parents/carers	Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit	Jeremy Webster, Chairman of the Task Group
	Performance overview	<b>Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report and Performance Report in relation to Looked After Children</b>	Committee to 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	Assurance of provision for Looked After Children	Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities	Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Tina Benjamin, Director – Corporate Parenting

<b>12 September 2024</b>	Overview, policy development and review	<b>Libraries</b>	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	Provide modern and inclusive multi-use facilities and value for money	Empowering Communities, Enabling a greener future, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit	Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities; Liz Mills, Strategic Director – Customer Service Transformation; Sue Wills, Assistant Director for Cultural Services
	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; Julia Katherine, Director – Education and Lifelong Learning; Tracey Sanders, Assistant Director for Inclusion and Additional Needs SW
<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>Tackling health inequality, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit, Enabling a greener future, Empowering communities</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, Strategic Director – Customer Service Transformation; Anna D’Alessandro, Director - Corporate Finance &amp; Commercial; Rachel Wigley, Director - Finance Insights &amp; Performance; Kay Goodacre, Strategic Finance Business Partner CFL</p>
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Informal Meetings

<p>10 June 2024</p>	<p>Oversight</p>	<p><b>Youth Justice Plan</b></p>	<p>To see the plan, renewed annually, before submission to the local Youth Justice Management Board at end of June</p>	<p>Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning; Matt Ansell, Director - Family Resilience &amp; Safeguarding Jamie Cottingham, Service Manager - Youth Offending &amp; Youth Offer</p>
<p>tbc</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 (chair of the Immigration and Education Rapid Response Group)</p>
<p>tbc</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-Jun 2024: <b>Additional Needs and Disabilities: Parental Experience</b>	Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities, Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit	Jeremy Webster (Chairman), Jonathan Essex, Fiona White, Mark Sugden, Bob Hughes
Autumn 2024: Deep dive day, potentially joint with CPB, on <b>Care Leavers</b> – accommodation, support (staffing/process, Personal Advisors), transitions.	Tackling health inequality, Empowering communities	To be determined

Member visits arranged

12 January SEND; 26 January CFL Commissioning; 28 March User Voice and Participation Team; Mindworks (date tbc).

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.

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