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Thursday 20 July 2023

## Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

### Children's Scrutiny Panel

The **Children's Scrutiny Panel** will meet in the **Meeting Room 3 - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **11.00 am** on **Friday 28 July 2023**.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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**Julie Muscroft**

**Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning**

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## **The Children's Scrutiny Panel members are:-**

### **Member**

Councillor Andrew Cooper (Chair)

Councillor Ammar Anwar

Councillor Paul Moore

Councillor Elizabeth Reynolds

Councillor Richard Smith

Oliver Gibson (Co-Optee)

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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### Pages

**1: Membership of the Committee**

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

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**2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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**3: Interests**

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

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**4: Admission of the Public**

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

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**5: Deputations/Petitions**

The Committee will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

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## **6: Public Question Time**

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

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## **7: Performance Data (Children's Services) - verbal update on highlights**

The Panel will consider a verbal update on the performance highlights from the latest Children's Services data report covering period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

Contact: Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director  
Vicky Metheringham, Service Director  
Anna Gledhill, Head of Children's Improvement

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## **8: Cabinet Priorities for Children's Services**

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The Panel will receive an update from the Cabinet Members for Children's Services on their priorities for 2023/24.

Contact: Cllr Viv Kendrick, Cabinet Member for Children  
Cllr Carole Pattison, Cabinet Member for Learning  
Aspiration and Communities

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**9: Pre-decision Scrutiny - Cabinet decisions on the horizon**

The Panel will consider any potential areas of pre-decision scrutiny in accordance with any cabinet decisions relating to children and young people which are on the horizon and receive update from Senior Officers in Children's Services.

Contact: Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director  
Anna Gledhill, Head of Children's Improvement  
Vicky Metheringham, Service Director

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**10: Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Corporate Parenting Board**

Panel Members who attend the Corporate Parenting Board, will feedback on key areas of focus considered by the Board, which will be of interest to the Panel.

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**11: Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 2023/24**

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The Panel will consider areas of focus within the draft work programme and agenda plan for the 2023/24 municipal year and agree timescales.

Contact: Helen Kilroy, Assistant Democracy Manager

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Contact Officer: Helen Kilroy

## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

**Monday 20th March 2023**

Present: Councillor Andrew Marchington (Chair)  
Councillor Elizabeth Reynolds  
Councillor James Homewood  
Councillor Richard Smith  
Councillor Paul White

Co-optees Oliver Gibson

In attendance: Tom Brailsford, Service Director (Resources, Improvement and Partnerships)  
Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director - Learning & Early Support  
Vicky Metheringham, Service Director – Child Protection and Family Support  
Stewart Horn, Head of Children's Integrated Commissioning  
Kelsey Clark-Davies, Head of Educational Safeguarding & Inclusion  
Matt Brayford, Strategic Lead, Education Safeguarding  
Councillor Carole Pattison  
Councillor Viv Kendrick

Apologies: Toni Bromley (Co-Optee)

**1 Membership of the Committee**

Apologies were received from Toni Bromley (Co-optee).

**2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

**3 Interests**

No Interest were declared.

**4 Admission of the Public**

All items were considered in public session.

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### 5 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

### 6 Public Question Time

No questions were received from members of the public.

### 7 Performance Data (Children's Services) - verbal update on highlights

The Panel received a verbal update on the performance data which was provided by the Service Directors in Children's Services and the following areas were highlighted:

#### **Recruitment and retention of staff in Children's Services**

Vicky Metheringham, Service Director for Child Protection and Family Support explained that the number of Looked after Children in Kirklees was stable and had been over the last 12 months, with other authorities experiencing an influx in the number of children that went into their care. The number of children leaving care in Kirklees was high, due to several reasons which included special guardianship orders and permanent arrangements being made with family members.

The Panel was informed that there was an increase in the number of vacant social worker posts across the service, when data was analysed, it showed that social workers were not leaving Kirklees but were moving into alternative posts within Kirklees Children's Services, such as advanced practitioners. The vacancies meant that a Social Worker's case load had risen. Although Kirklees had not used agency workers for a number of years, it was noted that agency workers may need to be employed on a short-term basis in accordance with the memorandum of understanding which had been agreed across the Yorkshire and Humber region. Diligent checks would be undertaken for any agency social worker employed with references being provided from previous employers and not the agency. It was noted that there would be a rise in available social workers coming into the authority through the step up to social work programme, the assessed and supported year in employment (ASYE) scheme and apprenticeships scheme.

#### **Initial Child Protection Conferences**

Tom Brailsford, Service Director (Resources, Improvement and Partnerships) explained that the percentage of initial child protection conferences which had to taken place within 15 days had decreased throughout December and January. The service had worked collaboratively with multi agencies to improve their systems to start to improve numbers of initial child protection conferences and improve percentages. Where children weren't seen at an initial child protection conference within 15 days, the social worker teams, and other professionals involved closely monitored the children and young people through safety planning, to ensure they were safe until the initial child protection conference took place.

The Panel was informed that the service had taken part in practice learning days where professionals were involved in certain areas to look at issues and practice. A practice learning day had taken place to look at the impact of neglect on children and young people through child protection conferences and impact on domestic violence. It was noted that three deep dives had taken place on decision making,



and step up and step down arrangements, and the service continued to be assured that these arrangements were working well.

### **Improvement in Practice Standards**

Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director, Learning & Early Support explained that the service had looked in detail at work that the family support service for the council and partners undertook. In Kirklees there were early support consultants which worked in the front door and in local areas giving support to schools and professionals. An average case load for a family support worker was 15 to 16 children per full time equivalent. Practice standard assessments had been completed, 62% were completed within the agreed timescales, which was a 14% increase over the last 12 months. It was for the local authority to set practice standards and Kirklees turned around the assessments within 20 days. This was a significant improvement to 2020 where the assessments took place within 45 days and compliance was 32%. The improvements were due to an investment in workforce and training.

**RESOLVED:** That the update be noted and that officers be thanked for their contributions.

### **8 Exclusions & Suspensions in Kirklees Schools**

The Panel received a report on the current context around exclusions and suspensions in Kirklees and planned actions to support work in reducing them which was presented by Kelsey Clark-Davies, Head of Educational Safeguarding & Inclusion.

The Panel was informed that every year 8,000 children in the UK were permanently excluded from school. Often children ended up in alternative provisions and not back in mainstream education. School exclusion was directly linked with poorer life outcomes, these factors alongside school exclusions put some of the most vulnerable children and young people at greater risk of criminal exploitation. These children deserved and needed the best possible support that could be provided. They were more likely to live in poverty, have special educational needs or be looked after by the state.

Kelsey Clark-Davies explained that there had been an increase in permanent exclusions and suspensions across Kirklees which applied mainly to boys and secondary schools. The main reason for exclusion and suspensions was around persistent disruptive behaviour. It was noted that reducing exclusions and suspensions in Kirklees was a priority, with both the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) transformation plan and the Our Kirklees future learning strategy outlining a number of key actions underway. The Panel was informed that there was a need to refresh the approach to identify and support the needs of children and young people at a much earlier stage. Projects were being implemented to develop specialist placements across the alternative provisions sector and wider special educational needs and disabilities sector along with training, learning and upskilling.

In response to a question from the Panel, which asked if a zero-exclusion policy within Kirklees was realistic, Kelsey Clark-Davies advised that it was Kirklees ambition to have zero exclusions, but there may be an instance when there was a

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need for the sanction, there would be enough support at the right place at the right time to prevent any sanctions. It was noted that schools for children with special needs had not experienced any exclusions for a number of years.

In response to questions from the Panel, on the number of academies which excluded children, compared to community schools, and how confident the service was that the same standards was applied across academies and community schools, Jo-Anne Sanders advised that a breakdown of information on the proportion of schools that were primary academies, compared to secondary academies would be beneficial to the Panel, as they were different.

In response to a question from the Panel, which asked what the progress was in the additionally resourced provisions, Kelsey Clark-Davies advised that there were 5 additionally resourced provisions were due to be opened in September 2023, which included –

- two primary social emotional and mental health provisions
- one primary cognition and learning resource provision
- one primary communication and interaction provision and
- one secondary communication and interaction provision

During a discussion regarding the progress on the cultural change towards supporting schools in developing a trauma informed approach and how progress would be measured, Kelsey Clark-Davies agreed that a report would be provided to future panel meetings to show how progress was measured.

During a discussion around ethnicity breakdown, living in wards and high risk of criminality, Kelsey Clark-Davies advised that living in wards was in reference to a cluster of schools in which the young people attend within that ward. The report provided information where there were higher exclusions or suspensions for ethnicity groups, and national research showed there was a risk of criminality from young people who had been excluded from school.

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That further information be provided to the Panel on the proportion of schools that were primary academies compared to secondary academies.
- 2) That a future report be provided on how progress was measured on the cultural change to supporting schools in developing a trauma informed approach,
- 3) That Officers in Children's Services be thanked for their presentation.

## **9 Stable Homes Built on Love**

The Panel received a report on the Government's response to the McCallister, National Care Review which was published in May 2022.

Vicky Metheringham, Service Director for Child Protection and Family Support explained that on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, the Department for Education (DfE) issued its response to the independent review of children's social care, the child safeguarding practice review panel's inquiry into the murders of two children and the competition and markets authority's study of the children's social care market in three consultation documents. The consultations closed on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and the

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outcome would inform future planning within Children's Services at both a local and national level.

In response to the McCallister report of 2022, the DfE set out an initial response for addressing a range of issues that impacted children's social care services. The following key areas that were covered as part of the consultation period were:

- **Funding** – The DfE committed to providing £200m in funding over two years which was below the recommendation by the Care Review,
- **Social Work and Training** – An early career framework was to be established, replacing the assessed year in practice,
- **Social work recruitment** – The DfE was to explore ways to support the recruitment of up to 500 additional child and family social worker apprentices,
- **Agency social work** – The DfE proposed bringing in national rules to reduce the cost and use of agency social workers in children's services.
- **Social Worker Pay** – The DfE rejected the care review recommendation for national pay scales for social workers on the grounds that this risked destabilising the local government pay system for insufficient benefit,
- **Social Worker Registration** – The DfE had rejected the care review proposal for all registered social workers, including managers and academics, to spend 100 hours in direct work each year to remain close to practice,
- **Family Help** – The DfE had confirmed that out of the £200m a figure of £45m would be allocated for up to 12 'families first for children pathfinder' areas to trial the care review proposal to introduce multidisciplinary family help services, to provide non-judgemental, joined up support for families affected by issues such as domestic violence or poor mental health,
- **Child Protection** – It had been proposed that children protection lead practitioners, who would receive advanced specialist training would be appointed to lead safeguarding cases in the pathfinder areas, as called for by the care review,
- **Independent Reviewing Officers and Child Protection Conference Chairs** – The DfE had rejected the care reviews proposal to abolish the independent reviewing officer role,
- **Involving Family Networks** – The 12 pathfinders would test using family group decision making, such as family group conferences, at an early stage to support parents minimise risk to children. In addition, seven areas would test providing family support network packages providing resources to help families care for children and avoid them going into care,
- **Kinship Care** – A kinship care strategy to be published in 2023 while £9m to be spent on improving training and support to kinship carers,
- **Foster Care** – Of the £200m set aside for this work, it was agreed that £27m would be spent on a carer recruitment and retention programme over the next two years focussing on shortage areas, such as sibling groups, teenagers, unaccompanied children, parent and child placements and children who had suffered complex trauma,
- **Commissioning Care Placements** – The DfE had backed the care review's proposal to transfer responsibility for the commissioning of care placements from individual council to regional groupings of authorities. Regional care co-

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operatives would initially be tested in two pathfinder areas before being rolled out,

- **Financial Oversight of Providers** – The National body would also introduce a financial oversight regime for the largest children's home providers and independent fostering agencies, similar to that for adult social care, by reducing the risk of providers exiting the market suddenly,
- **Relationships for Children in Care and Care Leavers** – The DfE had made the commitment of £30m which was to be spent on family finding, befriending and mentoring programmes for looked after children and care leavers, to help them find and maintain relationships,
- **Support for Care Leavers** – The suggested grant made available to children leaving care would increase from £2,000 to £3,000, while the bursary for those undertaking apprenticeships would rise from £1,000 to £3,000,
- **Care Experience** – The DfE had rejected the care review's call for care experience to become a protected characteristic under equality law, which would have required public bodies to tackle inequalities facing those with care experience and prohibit businesses and employers from discriminating against them,
- **National Standards and Outcomes** – The DfE would consult on a children's social care national framework, as proposed by the Review.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted and that officers be thanked for their contributions.

### 10 **Educational Wellbeing and Mental Health provision for Children and Young People in Kirklees**

The Panel considered a report describing currently commissioned emotional wellbeing and mental health services, including recent developments, and outlined challenges currently being faced.

Stewart Horn, Head of Children's Integrated Commissioning explained that following the covid pandemic there had been effects on children's emotional health and wellbeing. Early years provisions, education, schools, colleges and activities had been disrupted, leaving them without their usual support networks and social contact. Some children thrived in the home learning environment, particularly where going to school contributed to anxiety, but many suffered from isolation and loneliness. The youngest children lived through the pandemic at a vital time in their development, missing out on important learning and social experiences, which for some had a significant impact upon speech, language and communication skills, as well as socialisation and regulation. Stewart Horn further explained that schools and early years settings reported that some children were less well prepared for school than in previous years. In common with other areas, in Kirklees there had been rising demand for all mental health, learning disability and autism services. This demand was extremely challenging to address, due to the current financial situation and workforce availability. The report introduced proposed developments for services and gave the current waiting list figures for each service area. The Panel agreed to receive future information regarding the fluctuation in the waiting times and trends.

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The Panel fed back on their visit to the Mental Health in School's Team and had witnessed some really good partnership working between the Council, SWYFT and Northorpe Hall. The Panel also visited Hillside Primary School and had found it interesting to hear some of the anxieties from year 6 children about their transition to year 7 at secondary school.

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the report be noted and that officers be thanked for their contributions.
- 2) That a report be provided at a future meeting on the fluctuation in waiting times and trends for children's emotional health and wellbeing.

### **11 Pre-decision Scrutiny - Cabinet decisions on the horizon**

The Panel noted that there were no new areas of pre-decision scrutiny this municipal year.

**RESOLVED:** That the update be noted

### **12 Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Corporate Parenting Board**

Councillor Marchington advised the Panel that a Corporate Parenting Board meeting had not taken place since the last meeting of the Children's Scrutiny Panel on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. The next Corporate Parenting Board was scheduled to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and Panel members would feedback to the next Panel meeting on any key areas of focus.

Councillor Marchington provided an update from the Children's Ambition Board which fed into the Corporate Parenting Board, one of the key focuses was on apprenticeships post 16.

**RESOLVED:** That following Corporate Parenting Board in March 2023, Panel Members feedback on any key issues to the next Panel meeting.

### **13 Children's Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2022-23**

The Panel considered the work programme for the 2022-23 municipal year.

Councillor Marchington advised that a number of visits had taken place since the last Panel meeting which was part of the focus of the work programme.

### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Panel noted the Work Programme and agenda plan for 2022-23,
- (ii) That a visit be arranged to the Mental Health in School's Team at a secondary school and post 16 college,
- (iii) That the Panel will be invited to the Our Kirklees Future event on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023,
- (iv) That Panel Members and Officers be thanked for the work they undertook throughout the municipal year,
- (v) That Parents and young people were thanked for their participation with the Panel throughout the municipal year.

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<b>KIRKLEES COUNCIL</b>			
<b>COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC</b>			
<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>			
Childrens Scrutiny Panel			
<b>Name of Councillor</b>			
<b>Item in which you have an interest</b>	<b>Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")</b>	<b>Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]</b>	<b>Brief description of your interest</b>

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

## NOTES

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.





# Cabinet Priorities 2023



# Children

## Cllr Viv Kendrick

- Achieving a **Good outcome from the Inspection of Local Area Children's Services** reflecting improved outcomes for our children, young people and families.
- Providing **high quality, stable, loving homes** for our children and young people locally.
- Ensuring our **children and young people and families with additional needs** are supported as early as possible and are provided with new a financial support system to meet their needs in their learning environment.

# Learning, Aspiration and Communities

## Cllr Carole Pattison

- Ensuring the number of **school places** matches need and that schools are supported to meet changing needs.
- Reviewing **Our Kirklees Futures**, our Learning Strategy, and its delivery over the next 5 years.
- Working with **women and local organisations** and understanding their lived experiences to drive culture change and ensure services respond appropriately



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## CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

**MEMBERS:** Cllr Andrew Cooper, Cllr Ammar Anwar, Cllr Elizabeth Reynolds, Cllr Richard Smith, Cllr Paul Moore, Toni Bromley (Co-Optee) ,and Oliver Gibson (Co-Optee)

**SUPPORT:** Helen Kilroy, Assistant Democracy Manager and Nicola Sylvester, Democracy Officer

Agenda item/area of focus	Lead Officer	Areas of Scrutiny carried forward from 21-22	Comments
<p><b>Standard items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-decision scrutiny (decisions by Cabinet)</li>   <li>• Performance Information (Children's Service) – Informal meeting</li>   <li>• Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Corporate Parenting Board</li>   <li>• Ambition Board Minutes</li> </ul>	<p>Cabinet Members/Senior Officers (Children's Service)</p> <p>Presented by Service Directors (produced by Lucy Tiffany)</p> <p>Panel Members who attend Corporate Parenting Board</p> <p>Senior Officers and Cabinet Members</p>	<p>Panel will check at each meeting with Cabinet Members and Senior Officers from Children's Service if there are any potential areas of pre-decision scrutiny they need to consider at future meetings.</p> <p>The Panel will continue to monitor the performance of the Learning Early Support Service and Child Protection &amp; Family Support (written report in informal session and verbal update on key issues in public meeting). Panel will be asked for questions prior to the Panel meeting so that these can be shared with Senior Officers and Cabinet Members in advance of the Informal meeting.</p> <p>Members of the Panel who attend the Corporate Parenting Board will feedback on key issues to the Scrutiny Panel as appropriate.</p> <p>The Panel will receive for information the minutes from the Ambition Board meetings which are held quarterly.</p>	<p>Every meeting</p> <p>Every meeting</p> <p>Every meeting</p> <p>Quarterly</p>
<p><b>Review of the Improvement Journey – ILACs Inspection</b></p>	<p>Tom Brailsford/Vicky Metherringham</p>	<p>The Panel will continue to review the Improvement Journey of Children's Service and receive regular updates of the ILACs Inspection and the outcome when it has been undertaken.</p>	<p>Immediate and ongoing</p>

		<p>The ILACS Self Evaluation May 2023 and Self Evaluation Summary was circulated to the Panel for consideration in June 2023. The Panel will consider the ILACS Self Evaluation (SEF) and the Strengths and Weaknesses Questionnaires (SDQs) and agree what elements may be relevant to this work.</p> <p>The Chair of the Panel attended a Webinar on ILACS preparation.</p>	
<b>Review of Children’s Residential Homes and functions</b>	Kieran Lord	The Panel will review the Children’s Residential Homes and functions and officers will update the Panel on visits to the Homes as appropriate.	Within next 12 months
<b>Quality Assurance – impact of auditing the Children’s Service</b>	Vicky Metheringham/Robert Fordyce/Service Directors in Children’s	<p>The Panel will consider the Quality Assurance impact of auditing the Children’s Service, what difference it was making to children’s lives.</p> <p><b>Informal Panel meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b></p> <p>The Panel will consider a Quarterly Overview report on Quality Assurance and the impact of auditing the Children’s Service.</p>	<p>In next 6 months</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> December 2023</p>
<b>Educational and learning Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Our Kirklees Futures Learning Strategy</b></li> </ul>	Jo-Anne Sanders/Narinder Kaur/Paul Caladine/Emma Brayford	<p>The Panel will scrutinise/consider the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That the Panel are given the opportunity to contribute to the restructuring and reshaping of the Education and Learning Partnership Board;</li> <li>- future updates on how the Learning Service and Cabinet Members are scrutinising the educational outcomes;</li> <li>- longitudinal educational outcomes for the next 5 to 10 years, including 16+ and beyond.</li> <li>- That the Panel be invited to be involved in the development of the Transformation Plan going forward and that officers build into the action plan how the Panel might scrutinise the inspection outcomes;</li> <li>- To focus on the impact and effect of ethnicity, gender and socio-economic factors on educational outcomes;</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exclusions and attendance updates</li> </ul> <p><b>Informal Panel meeting on 22 Sept 2023 Panel</b> The Panel will consider an update giving the headlines of KS1, KS2 and GCSE and A Level Outcomes which will include an early synopsis of how well done overall, an analysis will be available later in the Autumn Term.</p> <p><b>Invite to the Our Kirklees Futures Learning Summit and Joint Headteacher Session on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b> The Panel have been invited to attend the Learning Summit on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the John Smith's Stadium. The Learning Summit will focus on broad obsessions of Inclusion, Equity and Resilience and introduces the golden thread of Transition – moments of change across the education journey. This is in response to some of the shared challenge we face across the education system. For the first time, the Learning Summit will be followed by a joint session of Primary, Secondary, Special and AP Headteachers, allowing all sectors to work together to meet our shared challenges.</p>	22.9.23 Panel
<b>Sufficiency for Children's Service (places/staffing resources)</b>	Tom Brailsford and Service Directors	<p>The Panel will consider future updates on vacancies and staff shortages within the Children's Service and the approaches being taken by the service to bring professionals back into the workforce, eg retention packages. The Panel will also monitor this during visits to the Social Care Teams.</p> <p>Areas to be looked at by Panel (suggested by Service Directors) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children's Social Care (Social Workers)</li> <li>- Foster carers</li> <li>- Residential Homes staff</li> <li>- Over provision of primary places</li> </ul>	Within next 6 months

<p><b>Potential changes to Young People’s Activity Team (YPAT) provision</b> - Provides after school activities for C&amp;YP with the most complex disabilities and needs</p>	<p>Kieran Lord/ Sara Miles ?</p>	<p>The Panel will visit the new premises at the Children’s Place Nursery, Netherfield Road, Ravensthorpe when fully operational. – add to visits list</p> <p>Panel to advise on areas of scrutiny.</p>	
<p><b>Partnership Arrangements</b></p>	<p>Vicky Metherington/Jo-Anne Sanders/Kieran Lord</p>	<p>The Panel will continue to scrutinise partnerships and boards during the 2023/24 municipal year, for example, Corporate Parenting Board and Health and Wellbeing Board, visits to internal teams and partners and the Panel can look at how data was collected and used to improve outcomes. The Panel can be represented at meetings, events and visits to internal teams and external providers and agree to focus on the following areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data collection</li> <li>• Partnership working</li> <li>• Is the voice of the young person being heard? (as below)</li> <li>• Good practice</li> <li>• Delivery of quality service</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Voice of the Young Person</b></p>	<p>Tom Brailsford/Service Directors (Children’s Service)</p>	<p>The Panel will keep a watching brief on all areas of scrutiny by the Panel and explore whether the voice of the child was being heard, whether they are empowered to speak up and ensure that lessons have and are being learned.</p>	
<p><b>Special Educational Needs and High Needs (SEND)</b></p>	<p>Jo-Anne Sanders/Kieran Lord/Adrian Wisniewski</p>	<p>The Panel will scrutinise the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase in special school places by the rebuild of Joseph Norton Academy and Woodley School and College</li> <li>- SEND Transformation Plan</li> <li>- the role of the voluntary sector partnerships</li> <li>- New provision – schools and additional resources</li> <li>- Sufficiency of SEND, foster care and residential care – key challenges</li> </ul>	<p>(ongoing)</p> <p>(within 6 months)</p> <p>(within 6 months)</p> <p>(ongoing)</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High Needs block funding (quarterly reports – Jo Sanders to confirm dates)</li> <li>- Visits to PCAN drop-in sessions to engage with parents of children with SEND and get their views and experiences on accessing the services.</li> </ul>	
<b>Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's)</b>	Vicky Metherringham/Kieran Lord/Jo-Anne Sanders	The Panel will scrutinise the support given to Special Guardianship Orders, not just financial but also to check they are getting the support they need.	Within next 6 months
<b>Mental Health in Schools</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of service</li> <li>- Waiting lists</li> </ul>	Kieran Lord/Stewart Horn	<p>The Panel will scrutinise the experience verses the provision of service and seek feedback from service users on their perception on using the service.</p> <p>The Panel will also consider the fluctuation in the waiting times and trends for children's emotional health and wellbeing.</p>	
<b>Transition of young people to adults</b>	Vicky Metherringham/Kieran Lord/Jo-Anne Sanders	<p>The Panel will scrutinise the transition of young people to adults and check if the service is being managed well; receive information regarding the service offer (including C&amp;K Careers) and how support is given to a child when they turn 18.</p> <p>The Panel will be invited to attend the Children's Access to Service Panel (CAS Panel) which is attended by partners from health, education and assists young people to develop relationships with Adult Social Care.</p> <p>The Panel will also consider the voice of the family as well as the child in this work.</p>	
<p><b>Lead Member Briefings</b>  (Bi-monthly LM Briefings with Cabinet Members for Learning and Children's; and Strategic Director/Service Directors in Children's Services during 23/24) –  Actions from these meetings will be included within the Panel's Work Programme where appropriate</p>			

<b>Elective Home Education</b>	Jo-Anne Sanders	The Lead Member will keep a watching brief on any issues relating to Elective Home Education and consider updates regarding the overview of statistical neighbours.	Within next 12 months
<b>Structure Review of multi-disciplinary teams</b>	Vicky Metheringham	The Lead Member will receive updates on the structure review of multi-disciplinary teams where services are being brought together.	Sept 24 (23/24 municipal year)
<b>School Improvement Offer</b>	Jo-Anne Sanders	The Lead Member will receive regular updates regarding the following areas:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education and Learning Board</li> <li>- Early Years Development Board</li> </ul>	
<b>Kirklees Support Offer to Schools</b>	Jo-Anne Sanders/Dean Langton	The Lead Member will receive updates on the issues around budget management for schools, what role the local authority is taking in supporting schools and are multi academy schools included in this work.	

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## Children's Scrutiny Panel

### Agenda Plan 2023/24

Date of Meeting	Issues for Consideration	Officer Contact
<p><b>6th June 2023</b></p> <p><b>Informal Meeting</b></p>	<p>(with Panel, Officers and Cabinet Members)</p> <p>To consider potential areas of focus for the Panel during 2023/24 municipal year which will include the Council's key priorities for the children's service.</p>	<p>Helen Kilroy</p>
<p><b>28<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b></p> <p><b>Informal meeting 10am-11am</b></p> <p><b>Public meeting 11am-12.30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Hybrid meeting Meeting Rm 3, HTH</b></p> <p>Report deadline: 14.7.23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Informal items:-</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ambition Board Minutes (13.3.23)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Performance slides</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Items:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Corporate Parenting Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cabinet Priorities – verbal update</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 23/24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">W Harris to provide</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senior Officers/Cabinet Members</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Members</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllrs Kendrick/Pattison</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H Kilroy</p>
<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> September 23</b></p> <p><b>1.30- 2.30pm Informal meeting</b></p> <p><b>2.30pm-4pm Public meeting</b></p> <p><b>Hybrid Meeting</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Informal items:-</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ambition Board Minutes (12.6.23)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Performance report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">W Harris to provide</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p>

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<p><b>Meeting Rm 3, HTH</b></p> <p>Report deadline: 8.9.23</p>	<p>Headlines of KS1, KS2 and GCSE and A Level Outcomes (to include an early synopsis of achievement overall)</p> <p><b>Public Items:</b></p> <p>Performance highlights</p> <p>Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon</p> <p>Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Corporate Parenting Board</p> <p>Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 23/24</p>	<p>J Sanders/ Narinder Kaur/Paul Caladine/Emma Brayford</p> <p>J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members</p> <p>Panel Members</p> <p>H Kilroy</p>
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> December 23</b></p> <p><b>1pm-2pm</b> Informal meeting</p> <p><b>2pm-3.30 pm</b> Public meeting</p> <p><b>Hybrid Meeting</b> Meeting Rm3, HTH</p> <p>Report deadline: 17.11.23</p>	<p><b>Informal items:</b></p> <p>Ambition Board Minutes (25.9.23)</p> <p>Performance report</p> <p>Quality Assurance – impact of auditing the Children’s Service (Quarterly Report)</p> <p><b>Public Items:</b></p> <p>Performance highlights</p> <p>Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon</p> <p>Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Corporate Parenting Board</p>	<p>W Harris to send</p> <p>J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p>V Metheringham/R Fordyce</p> <p>J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members</p> <p>Panel Members</p>

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<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> January 24</b></p> <p><b>9.30-10.30am</b> Informal meeting <b>10.30am-12 noon</b> Public meeting <b>Hybrid Meeting</b> Meeting Rm 3, HTH</p> <p>Report deadline: 12.1.24</p>	<p><b>Informal items:</b></p> <p>Ambition Board Minutes (11.12.23)</p> <p>Performance report</p> <p><b>Public Items:</b></p> <p>Performance Highlights</p> <p>Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon</p> <p>Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Corporate Parenting Board</p> <p>Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 23/24</p>	<p>W Harris to send</p> <p>J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p>J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members</p> <p>Panel Members</p> <p>H Kilroy</p>
<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b></p> <p><b>10am-11am</b> Informal meeting <b>11am-12.30pm</b> Public meeting</p> <p><b>Hybrid Meeting</b> Meeting Rm 3, HTH</p> <p>Report deadline: 14.3.24</p>	<p><b>Informal items:</b></p> <p>Performance report</p> <p><b>Public Items:</b></p> <p>Performance Highlights</p> <p>Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon</p> <p>Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Corporate Parenting Board</p>	<p>J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p>J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members</p> <p>Panel Members</p>

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