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Thursday 23 November 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 **2.30 pm** on **Friday 1 December 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 Richard Smith

Councillor John Lawson

Councillor Ebrahim Dockrat

Oliver Gibson (Co-Optee)

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Panel

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

2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 22nd September 2023.

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.

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.

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.

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.

7: Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 2023/24

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The Panel will consider the proposed areas of focus and activity for the 2023/24 municipal year and discuss the method and means to be used to continue the Panel's work going forward.

Contact: Helen Kilroy, Assistant Democracy Manager

8: 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 30th September 2023.

Contact: Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director
Kieran Lord, Service Director

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 updates from Senior Officers in Children's Services.

Contact: Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director
Kieran Lord, Service Director

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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Contact Officer: Helen Kilroy

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

Friday 22nd September 2023

Present: Councillor Andrew Cooper (Chair)
Councillor Richard Smith
Councillor John Lawson
Councillor Ebrahim Dockrat

In attendance: Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director - Learning & Early Support
Vicky Metheringham, Service Director – Child Protection and Family Support
Kieran Lord, Service Director, Resources, Improvements & Partnership
Nina Barnes, Post 16 & Adult Learning Strategic Lead
Emma Brayford, Senior Kirklees Learning Partner
Narinder Kaur, Kirklees Learning Partner
Councillor Elizabeth Reynolds
Councillor Viv Kendrick

Apologies: Councillor Ammar Anwar
Councillor Paul Moore
Oliver Gibson (Co-Optee)

1 Membership of the Panel

Apologies were received from Councillor Anwar, Councillor Moore and Oliver Gibson (co-optee).

The Panel noted the changes to the membership of the Children Scrutiny Panel and welcomed Cllr Lawson and Cllr Dockrat to the Panel.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

3 Declaration of Interests

No Interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

All items were considered in public session.

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 performance data for July 2023, which was provided by the Service Directors in Children's Services.

Kieran Lord, Service Director, Resources, Improvements & Partnerships explained that:

- There had been a progressive increase in the timeliness of initial child protection case data,
- There had been a reduction in the timeliness of initial health assessments,
- There had been an increase in foster care placements for children and young people looked after within family arrangements,
- There had been an increase in placements provided by independent foster carers,
- There had been a decrease in CAMHS and Neuro Developmental referrals, but an increase in timeliness of both areas.

In response to a question around caseloads slowly increasing and work practice of staff, their workloads and wellbeing, Vicky Metheringham advised that caseloads were being monitored closely. The Panel were informed that staff had an average caseload of 19.7, weekly oversight of caseloads for social workers was carried out which was analysed. Senior Managers were assured that social workers were able to see children frequently and that staff were appropriately supported and received case supervision. In terms of social workers feeling supported, a range of mechanisms had been introduced where managers were visible and were reaching out on a frequent basis. Vicky Metheringham further explained that a range of opportunities had been introduced to engage positively with social workers and to reward them for the things they were doing really well and to thank them for the steps they took, and resources were being utilised to support social workers with their emotional wellbeing and resilience on a frequent basis. A number of other mechanisms were in place to ensure managers were able to speak to practitioners.

In response to a question regarding in house provision, and what was done to keep social workers engaged within Kirklees, Vicky Metheringham advised that Kirklees did not use agency workers but there were some vacancies. The Panel was informed that very few vacancies resulted in social workers leaving Kirklees, vacancies were generally relating to promotions, or transfers to another part of the service. Kirklees valued the importance of having a structure which was consistent, and that engaged with social workers, was rewarding, and made them feel valued. Vicky Metheringham further explained that Kirklees took an approach to growing their own social workers and engaged with the front-line programme, this enabled the employment of a number of unqualified social workers who had access to front line social worker graduates and wanted to become a social worker. The Panel noted that 10 front line practitioners had moved into social work teams and 10 had been recruited onto the frontline programme. There were apprenticeship opportunities which were available to employees across Kirklees.

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In response to a question regarding the increase to section 47 referrals, Vicky Metheringham explained that when referrals were received where it was considered a child was at harm, a strategy meeting took place within 24 hours of the referral to consider the next steps. One step was the section 47 assessment, which included gathering additional information from a variety of agencies which needed to be completed within 5 working days of the assessment. The section 47 assessment would then be referred to the child protection conference. The Panel was informed that officers felt there were too many section 47 assessments happening unnecessarily and the service had looked at the reasons why, it was recognised there was some learning from the outcome.

Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director for Learning & Early Support, advised that a process was ongoing to look at last year's Outcomes Data which included exclusions and attendance. Cllr Elizabeth Reynolds advised that improving outcomes and building on challenges of Covid and the effect this had on children, that there was a real commitment from schools to get the best outcomes.

A question was asked by the Panel regarding young people attending university and the reduced numbers, and what the impact was on vocational courses. Nina Barnes advised that a number of post 16 institutions were revising their curriculum offer with a number of vocational qualifications due to finish this year, which meant there was the option of A levels or T levels only. Apprenticeships was another option but not in post 16 sixth forms. The Panel was informed that traditionally, 70%-80% of A level routes taken moved onto university places.

In response to a question regarding unauthorised absences and data that monitored the absences, Jo-Anne Sanders advised that robust monitoring was in place where a dashboard monitored attendance daily. Examples of the areas the dashboard showed were, vulnerable people, the curriculum year, or geographical areas of Kirklees. The Panel was informed that the previous academic year highlighted that the highest percentage for absence was illness, followed by unauthorised absence which included unauthorised holidays. The service worked closely with the school system and had a strong educating safeguarding offer. New attendance duties for the Local Authority had come into place in September 2023, once data had been gathered it would be shared with the Panel.

In response to a question regarding nursery provisions impacting on early years, where some schools fed into the system, Emma Brayford advised that data was available on how children progressed through the school system, and that officers wanted to look closer around the impact of mobility when children moved from early years settings into mainstream schools and the academy system.

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

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Pre-decision Scrutiny - Cabinet decisions on the horizon

Kieran Lord advised the Panel that a paper was to be presented to Cabinet on the 26th September 2023, regarding consultation on the redesign of short breaks and respite facilities for children and young people and their families where their children

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had disabilities. Kieran Lord explained that Pre-decision scrutiny had not yet been sought due to this being a consultation exercise.

In response to a question regarding the young people that used the service, and what the impact of the decision would be, Kieran Lord advised that the request to Cabinet was to seek permission to consult. Officers hoped for a better integration of services that was in line with council's place based approach, with services that met the needs of children and young people and their families in a locality that was better to access and at a time that was convenient for them, whilst simultaneously looking to make efficiencies by way of integration of services.

RESOLVED: The Panel noted the items for pre-decision scrutiny and thanked the officers for their updates.

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

Councillor Cooper advised the Panel that Corporate Parenting Board last met on 12th September 2023. At the meeting an update was provided on how looked after children, who were for the first time going into their own homes and being part of the community, were supported to manage their own life and be part of the community.

There was also an update regarding children's residential homes and how they were inspected, along with the way that was measured.

Councillor Cooper advised the Panel that he had suggested a representative from Kinship Carers be a member of the Corporate Parenting Board.

RESOLVED: That the Panel noted the updates given regarding matters considered by the Corporate Parenting Board on 12th September.

10 **Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 2023/24**

The Panel considered the work programme and agenda plan for the 2023-24 municipal year.

Cllr Reynolds, Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration, raised some queries regarding items on the work programme.

RESOLVED: The Lead Member agreed to meet with the Cabinet Members for Learning and Aspiration and Children to discuss the work programme for 2023/24.

KIRKLEES COUNCIL			
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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS			
Childrens Scrutiny Panel			
Name of Councillor			
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	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]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: Dated:

NOTES

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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.

CHILDREN’S SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

MEMBERS: Cllr Andrew Cooper, Cllr Ammar Anwar, Cllr John Lawson, Cllr Richard Smith, Cllr Paul Moore, Cllr Ebrahim Dockrat, Oliver Gibson (Co-Optee)

SUPPORT: Helen Kilroy, Assistant Democracy Manager

Agenda item/area of focus	Lead Officer	Areas of Scrutiny carried forward from 22-23	Comments
<p><u>Standard items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-decision scrutiny (decisions by Cabinet) • Performance Information (Children’s Service) – Informal meeting • Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Corporate Parenting Board • Ambition Board Minutes 	<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 & 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>Review of the Improvement Journey – ILACs Inspection</p>	<p>Tom Brailsford/Vicky Metheringham</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>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>	<p>Immediate and ongoing (no inspection until Sept 23 at earliest)</p>
<p>Review of Children’s Residential Homes and functions</p>	<p>Kieran Lord</p>	<p>The Panel will review the Children’s Residential Homes and functions and officers will update the Panel on visits to the Homes as appropriate.</p> <p>The Panel will consider a future report in relation to Ofsted Inspection outcomes for children's Residential Homes. A report giving an update on each individual home inspection outcome will be presented to a future Informal meeting of the panel which will include an explanation of the children's home inspection framework and its application. As the information within Ofsted reports regarding Children’s Residential Homes contains highly sensitive information which could potentially identify individual homes, a thematic report giving an update on the key areas of strengths and areas for improvement across all homes will be presented to a public meeting of the Panel – to be arranged.</p>	<p>Within next 12 months</p>
<p>Quality Assurance – impact of auditing the Children’s Service</p>	<p>Vicky Metheringham/Robert Fordyce/Service Directors in Children’s</p>	<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>Informal Panel meeting on 1st December 2023</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>1st December 2023</p>

<p>Educational and learning Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our Kirklees Futures Learning Strategy 	<p>Jo-Anne Sanders/Narinder Kaur/Paul Caladine/Emma Brayford</p>	<p>The Panel will scrutinise/consider the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future updates on how the Learning Service and Cabinet Members are scrutinising the educational outcomes; - longitudinal educational outcomes for the next 5 to 10 years, including 16+ and beyond. - 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; - To focus on the impact and effect of ethnicity, gender and socio-economic factors on educational outcomes; - Exclusions and attendance updates <p>Informal Panel meeting on 22 Sept 2023 Panel The Panel considered a report for information, giving an overview of the statutory outcomes achieved by learners in Kirklees during the academic year 2022-2023. The report covered outcomes at the end of the Foundation Stage, Phonics (Year 1), Key Stage 1 (Year 2), Key Stage 2 (Year 6), Key Stage 4 (GCSE) and Key Stage 5.</p> <p>The Panel have been informed that a report for decision by cabinet regarding the SEND Transformation plan and sufficiency regarding alternative provision would be available for them to consider at a future meeting.</p> <p>Invite to the Our Kirklees Futures Learning Summit and Joint Headteacher Session on 27th June 2023 The Panel attended the Learning Summit on the 27th June 2023 at the John Smith’s Stadium. The Learning Summit focused on broad obsessions of Inclusion, Equity and Resilience and introduces the golden thread of Transition – moments of change across the education journey. This was in response to some of the shared challenge the Council faces across the</p>	<p>22.9.23 Panel</p> <p>27th June 2023</p>
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		<p>education system. For the first time, the Learning Summit was followed by a joint session of Primary, Secondary, Special and AP Headteachers, allowing all sectors to work together to meet our shared challenges.</p> <p>Panel meeting on 28th July 2023 The Panel agreed to consider a future report on Exclusions and Suspensions, following engagement with schools and settings this will include a plan to address challenges in this area. The panel would undertake a series of supported visits to schools to look at a range of good practice examples in this area, including inclusive approaches. The visits will be arranged to take place after the October 2023 half term. Visits will also be undertaken to the Education Learning Partnership Board and other multi-agency meetings where the level of suspensions and exclusions are discussed and addressed.</p> <p>Visit to Education and Learning Partnership Board (ELPB) on 27th September 2023 The Chair of the Panel attended the Education Learning and Partnership Board (ELPB) on the 27th September 2023 as part of the Panel’s focus on exclusions and suspensions in Kirklees’ schools. The following key areas were considered –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exclusions and suspensions including data taken from 2022/23 - Support approach in place, including new DfE guidance published in May 22 <p>Visit to Early Years Conference on 12th October 2023 The Panel attended the Professional Development Conference for early years partners on the 12th October 2023 to see some of the work being undertaken with the wider schools system to secure positive outcomes for Kirklees Children and Young People. Work force development and prioritising the early years were two clear areas showcased at the event.</p>	<p>28th July 2023</p> <p>27th September 2023</p> <p>12th October 2023</p>
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<p>Sufficiency for Children’s Service (places/staffing resources)</p>	<p>Tom Brailsford and Service Directors</p>	<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"> - Children’s Social Care (Social Workers) - Foster carers - Residential Homes staff - Over provision of primary places <p>Panel meeting on 28th July 2023</p> <p>The Panel agreed to consider future data which would provide information relating to safeguarding training of frontline staff from the Housing Team who visit private homes and may become aware of safeguarding issues.</p>	<p>Within next 6 months</p>
<p>Potential changes to Young People’s Activity Team (YPAT) provision - Provides after school activities for C&&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.</p> <p>Panel to advise on areas of scrutiny.</p>	
<p>Partnership Arrangements</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"> • Data collection • Partnership working 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the voice of the young person being heard? (as below) • Good practice • Delivery of quality service 	
Voice of the Young Person	Tom Brailsford/Service Directors (Children’s Service)	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.	
Special Educational Needs and High Needs (SEND)	Jo-Anne Sanders/Kieran Lord/Adrian Wisniewski	<p>The Panel will scrutinise the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in special school places by the rebuild of Joseph Norton Academy and Woodley School and College - SEND Transformation Plan - the role of the voluntary sector partnerships, third/private sector - New provision – schools and additional resources - Sufficiency of SEND, foster care and residential care – key challenges - High Needs block funding (quarterly reports – Jo Sanders to confirm dates) - Visits to PCAN drop-in sessions to engage with parents of children with SEND and get their views and experiences on accessing the services. - Post 16 Home to School Transport for SEND Young People <p>Informal meeting on 22nd September 2023 The Panel considered a verbal update regarding Post 16 Home to School Transport to include costs, action plans to address and manage the current challenges and a position statement.</p> <p>Panel Meeting on 1st December 2023 The Panel agreed to receive a report to the December meeting giving a full update on Post 16 Home to School Transport.</p>	<p>(ongoing)</p> <p>(within 6 months)</p> <p>(within 6 months)</p> <p>(ongoing)</p> <p>22nd Sept 23</p> <p>1st Dec 23</p>

		<p>Visit to Education and Learning Partnership Board (ELPB) on 27th September 2023</p> <p>The Chair of the Panel attended the Education Learning and Partnership Board (ELPB) on the 27th September 2023 as part of the Panel's focus on SEND. The Board considered SEND data, SEND Transformation Plan and challenges. The ELPB also received an update on the Kirklees SEND Partnership WSoA whose meetings had been attended by representatives from the DfE, PCAN, Headteachers and health and care professionals.</p>	27 th September 2023
Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's)	Kieran Lord/Joel Hanna	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
<p>Mental Health in Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of service - Waiting lists 	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>	Review post xmas 23 and agree approach to scrutiny
Transition of young people to adults	Vicky Metheringham/Kieran Lord/Jo-Anne Sanders	<p>The Panel will scrutinise how well transitions are managed for young people with additional needs.</p> <p>The Panel will be invited to attend the Children's Access to Service Panel (CASP) 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>	
Emerging Risks	Martin Dearnley/Alice Carruthers	Prior to each meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee the latest version of the Corporate Risk Matrix, Heat Map and the list of Emerging Risks will be shared with the Scrutiny Lead Members for each Panel so that they can discuss in their Informal meetings and each Panel will discuss risks relevant to their areas of focus.	

		<p>Informal Panel meeting on 1st December 2023</p> <p>The Panel will consider emerging risks for the areas of focus on the Work Programme for 23/24 and any new risks that the Panel are not aware of.</p>	
<p>Lead Member Briefings</p> <p>(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>			
Elective Home Education	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
Structure Review of multi-disciplinary teams	Vicky Metherringham	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)
School Improvement Offer	Jo-Anne Sanders	The Lead Member will receive regular updates regarding the following areas:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education and Learning Board - Early Years Development Board 	
Kirklees Support Offer to Schools	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.	
Redesign of short break, respite and support provision for disabled children, young people and their families	Kieran Lord/Tom Brailsford/Joel Hanna	The Chair received a briefing on the 15 th September 2023 to update that a report will be considered by Cabinet on the 26th September 2023 asking for the consultation process to start on the Redesign of short break, respite and support provision for disabled children, young people and their families. No decisions will be taken at this stage until consultation has taken place, as part of this consultation the Children’s Scrutiny Panel will be given the opportunity to have a view on the results of the consultation and any subsequent proposals.	LM Briefing on 15.9.23 and Cabinet on 26.9.23

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Children's Scrutiny Panel

Agenda Plan 2023/24

Date of Meeting	Issues for Consideration	Officer Contact
<p>6th June 2023</p> <p>Informal Meeting</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>28th July 2023</p> <p>Informal meeting 10am-11am</p> <p>Public meeting 11am-12.30 pm</p> <p>Hybrid meeting Meeting Rm 3, HTH</p> <p>Report deadline: 14.7.23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Informal items:-</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;">Public Items:</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>22nd September 23</p> <p>1.30- 3.00pm Informal meeting</p> <p>3pm-4pm Public meeting</p> <p>Hybrid Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Informal items:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Corporate Risk Update</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Briefing note on Post 16 Home to School Travel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alice Carruthers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jo Sanders/Katherine Armitage/Martin Wood</p>

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<p>Meeting Rm 3, HTH</p> <p>Report deadline: 8.9.23</p>	<p>Performance report</p> <p>Headlines of KS1, KS2 and GCSE and A Level Outcomes (to include an early synopsis of achievement overall)</p> <p>Public Items:</p> <p>Performance highlights (verbal)</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/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</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>1st December 23</p> <p>1pm-2.30pm Informal meeting</p> <p>2.30 pm-3.30 pm Public meeting</p> <p>Hybrid Meeting</p> <p>Meeting Rm3, HTH</p> <p>Report deadline: 17.11.23</p>	<p>Informal items:</p> <p>Ambition Board Minutes (25.9.23)</p> <p>Performance report</p> <p>Quality Assurance – impact of auditing the Children’s Service</p> <p>Post 16 Home to School Travel</p> <p>Public Items:</p> <p>Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 23/24</p> <p>Performance highlights</p>	<p>W Harris to send</p> <p>J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p>V Metheringham/R Fordyce</p> <p>Martin Wood</p> <p>H Kilroy</p>

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<p>26th January 24</p> <p>9.30-10.30am Informal meeting</p> <p>10.30am-12 noon Public meeting</p> <p>Hybrid Meeting Meeting Rm 3, HTH</p> <p>Report deadline: 12.1.24</p>	<p>Informal items:</p> <p>Corporate Risk Update – emerging risks</p> <p>Ambition Board Minutes (11.12.23)</p> <p>Performance report</p> <p>Update on Consultation process for Post 16 Home to School Transport – to be confirmed</p> <p>Public Items:</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>Alice Carruthers</p> <p>W Harris to send</p> <p>J Sanders/K Lord/V Metheringham to present</p> <p>M Wood/K Armitage</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>

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<p>26th March 2024</p> <p>10am-11am Informal meeting</p> <p>11am-12.30pm Public meeting</p> <p>Hybrid Meeting Meeting Rm 3, HTH</p> <p>Report deadline: 14.3.24</p>	<p>Informal items:</p> <p>Performance report</p> <p>Public Items:</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/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>