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## Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

### Children's Scrutiny Panel

The **Children's Scrutiny Panel** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **10.30 am** on **Friday 17 July 2026**.

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

### **Member**

Councillor Alex Vickers (Chair)

Councillor Jane Barraclough

Councillor Tanisha Bramwell

Councillor Glennis Harrison

Councillor Maryam Jawaid

Vacancy

Shahid Ali (Co-Optee)

Tom Donohoe (Co-Optee)

# **Agenda**

## **Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached**

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### **Pages**

#### **1: Membership of the Panel**

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 the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

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#### **3: Declaration of Interests**

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

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#### **4: Admission of the Public**

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Committee.

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#### **5: Deputations/Petitions**

The Panel 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 in writing, 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 in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

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## **7: Voice of the Child**

The Panel will receive a presentation on the Voice of the Child which will include principles of participation, advocacy and children's rights – **PAPER TO FOLLOW**.

Contact:      Jess Barclay-Lambert, Service Director  
                         (Commissioning, Quality and Health Partnerships)

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## **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 May 2026.

Contact:      Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director  
                         Jess Barclay-Lambert, Service Director  
                         Vicky Metherringham, Service Director

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## **9: Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 2026/27**

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The Panel will consider the proposed areas of focus and activity for the 2026/27 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

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Contact Officer: Helen Kilroy

## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

**Thursday 19th March 2026**

Present: Councillor Itrat Ali (Chair)  
Councillor Hannah McKerchar

In attendance: Cllr Viv Kendrick – Cabinet Member, Children's Services  
Cllr Jane Rylah – Cabinet Member for Education  
Jess Barclay-Lambert – Service Director, Children's  
Commissioning, Quality and Health Partnerships  
Tom Brailsford – Executive Director, Children and  
Families  
Joel Hanna - Head of Service for Corporate Parenting  
Vicky Metherringham - Family Help, Safeguarding &  
Permanence  
Jo-Anne Sanders – Service Director, Learning and  
Inclusion  
Lauren Stephenson – Service Manager, Care Leavers'  
Service

Observers: Shahid Ali  
Tom Donohoe

Apologies: Councillor Aafaq Butt  
Councillor Tanisha Bramwell  
Councillor Ashleigh Robinson  
Councillor Richard Smith

**58 Membership of the Panel**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Richard Smith, Councillor Tanisha Bramwell, Councillor Aafaq Butt and Councillor Ashleigh Robinson.

**59 Minutes of the Previous Meeting  
RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be approved as a correct record.

**60 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

**61 Admission of the Public**

All agenda items were considered in public session.

**62 Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations or petitions were received.

**63 Progress of the Ofsted Improvement Plan**

The Panel considered a report on the Progress of the Ofsted Improvement Plan, which was presented by Vicky Metheringham, Service Director for Family Help, Safeguarding and Permanence.

Vicky Metheringham provided an update on the progress made within Children's Social Care since the Ofsted inspection in 2024. The inspection had identified significant improvement, judged Children's Services in Kirklees as being 'good' and acknowledged that leaders had clear action plans in place to address challenges.

Areas of improvement identified by Ofsted during the inspection were -

1. The effectiveness of practice with every child who was experiencing harm from neglect and / or domestic abuse.
2. The quality of written plans, records and meeting minutes for the minority of children in care and care leavers where these documents were weak.
3. The availability and choice of homes for children in care and care leavers.

The Panel were informed that -

- A rigorous improvement plan, overseen by elected members and the Executive Leadership Team, was ensuring that services enhanced opportunities and experiences for families in Kirklees
- Improvement activities related to neglect and domestic abuse had been supported by the Kirklees Safeguarding Partnership.
- Self-evaluation was updated annually and incorporated feedback from practice audits, thematic focus deep dives, and practice learning days.
- Self-evaluation activity had highlighted progress made against a range of areas of practice and identified what further actions were needed.
- Positive progress had been made in all areas identified in the inspection.

Vicky Metheringham advised the Panel that the report provided an overview of the progress made in addressing the areas for improvement and identified where there was more to do. Areas highlighted were -

- Concern remained that domestic abuse continued to be a significant issue and was the primary reason for repeat child protection plans and repeat referrals. A Child Safeguarding Practice Review was supporting multi agency practice after the tragic murder of a parent. A task and finish group had been established to determine how practice could be strengthened where domestic abuse was a driving factor, with the key priority being to address the identified gap in perpetrator focused work
- The improvement of language use in children's records was a priority during 2025. External facilitators had worked alongside all practitioners and significant progress had been made.
- A proactive, targeted approach had been taken to recruit more local foster carers and supported lodgings carers for specific cohorts of children

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- Challenges still existed in finding timely homes for a small minority of looked after children.
- Since the Ofsted inspection in 2024, further improvements had been made and changes embedded for the provision of support for care leavers.

In conclusion, the Panel were informed that -

- The leadership team were clear about priorities and had well established plans to drive progress.
- The workforce was the most stable it had been for the last three years.
- The quality of supervision and consistent management oversight had significantly improved.
- Vacancies would be filled through apprenticeships and student social workers.
- Services and support to care leavers had been transformed and the Kirklees Parenting Board was well embedded. Corporate parenting duties had been enhanced and broadened as care experience had been recognised as a protected characteristic.
- Records which were sensitive and written to children had been a huge success.
- Plans for the Family Help Service had been successful, with a significant service redesign planned during 2026.
- Plans were in place to oversee areas for development in addressing the risks posed by neglect and domestic abuse.
- Sufficiency of homes for children in care remained a key challenge, and an investment in an Edge of Care Service would support this area of practice.

In response to questions the Panel were advised that -

- A range of different training was provided for practitioners around domestic abuse, as part of the domestic abuse action plan.
- Since the inspection, there had been a significant reduction in the number of care leavers accessing temporary accommodation. The length of time they stayed was needs led and there was confidence that the service knew the young people well.
- Social work apprentices from within the service were required to seek approval to attend training from their service manager to ensure that taking part in the course would not negatively impact on services.
- The Edge of Care service would be renamed, and was designed to support families at risk of breaking down, reducing the number of 11-15 year-olds in care.
- The quality of practice was assured through regular monitoring, via learning conversations, feedback from young people and families, practice learning days, weekly performance reports, and access to a Tableau dashboard. There was a gap in data identified around the 89, 21-25 year old care leavers who were supported by the service, and this was being worked on.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1) That the report be noted and officers thanks for their contributions.

- 2) That officers and staff be thanked for their efforts in improving the service, which the Panel had seen evidence of in their visits throughout the year, especially with regard to accommodation, education and employment.
- 3) That congratulations be passed on to all staff involved in the Social Care Conference, and in the work undertaken to put children at the centre of their written records.

**64 The Re-design of the Leaving Care Service**

The Panel considered a report on the Re-design of the Leaving Care Service, which was presented by Joel Hanna, Head of Service for Corporate Parenting.

Joel Hanna highlighted the following key points -

- The report set out the journey of the improvements made since November 2023, when the national government adviser on care leaver services, Mark Bradell, visited Kirklees to provide a benchmark of services in comparison with other services nationally.
- There had been a clear focus on the strategy and resources needed, and the structure required to underpin the planned improvements.
- The Kirklees Parenting Board had been redesigned from the previous Corporate Parenting Board, and had set out six priorities.
- One of the priorities was to develop a care leaving partnership to support care leavers going forward.
- Ambassador events had been held with partners including Kirklees College, Huddersfield University, small charities and community services, to help design the priorities, the structure and the board arrangements.
- Two hubs, Number 11 in Huddersfield and Number 12 in Dewsbury, offered a welcoming environment for care leavers with kitchen, shower and laundry facilities.
- Partners used the hubs as a marketplace to offer their services.
- In July 2024 the report signalled that the improvements had already started to show a real benefit, but more time was needed to show sustainability, which accounted for the disparity between the report and the judgment.
- A service review was carried out to build on the improvement. Additional funding was applied for to engage with care leavers, and the number of 21 to 25 year olds who engaged with the service had increased. This allowed care leavers to make better use of the wider partnership and achieve success in education and accommodation, the two main challenges for care experienced adults.
- Case loads were significant, but would be reduced by the appointment of new staff.
- Scrutiny Panel Members had recently visited Number 11 and seen how the hub hosted specialist services.

**RESOLVED –**

- 1) That the report be noted and officers thanked for their contributions.
- 2) The Panel agreed that following their visit to Number 11 they had found it to be a safe space for care leavers, where engagement with other partners could start on a positive footing.

- 3) The Panel noted the optimism within the team about the additional funding and extra capacity, that would enable the fulfilment of the plans.

**65 Verbal Update on the SEND White Paper: Every Child Achieving and Thriving**

The Panel considered a verbal update on the SEND White Paper: Every Child Achieving and Thriving, which was presented by Tom Brailsford, Director for Children and Families.

Tom Brailsford highlighted the following key points -

- The comprehensive SEND White Paper had been published after delays, and formed part of the wider schools White Paper.
- Events had been organised locally to consult with a range of professionals, parents and partners about the proposed reforms, and this SEND White Paper consultation closed in mid-May.
- Responses would be sent to the Department for Education (DfE) and the Department for Health and Social Care.
- The government had tasked Directors of Children's Services with writing a reform plan, to be signed off by mid-June.
- National consultation had taken place with parents about the approach, which moved towards supporting mainstream inclusion for young people within their local areas and communities.
- The White Paper suggested three levels of support: targeted support, targeted plus within a unit in mainstream schools, and support in special schools where children had a complex Education, Health and Social Care Plan (EHCP).
- Every secondary school would be expected to have a unit/additionally resourced provision (ARP).
- The White Paper acknowledged that schools would need extra support to undertake this approach and the government proposed a 1.8 million fund called "Experts at Hand".
- There could be challenges around the workforce due to pressures across the board and there were changes within the Integrated Care Board (ICB).
- The local authority would be the 'convenor' for the system and would hold responsibility for the co-ordination of the changes.
- If the municipal year allowed, the reform plan would be brought back to Children's Scrutiny Panel, if not, this would be done post-submission.

In answer to questions from the Panel, Tom Brailsford advised that -

- The reform plan would be shared with the Panel for their input.
- Two events, in North and South Kirklees, would take place to invite parents and multi-agency partners for feedback on the White Paper and establish ongoing consultation and inclusion with partners. The Chair confirmed that they would attend one of the engagement events.
- Schools in Kirklees were positive about inclusion, and it was possible that they may have further questions around capital funding, wraparound support, the curriculum, and the focus of the inspection regime.
- Prior to the White Paper, the DfE had held webinars primarily directed at parents during the evening.

- The Our Voice Team had carried out direct engagement to find out the views of children and young people.

**RESOLVED –**

- 1) That the update on the SEND White Paper: Every Child Achieving and Thriving, be noted and officers thanked for their contributions.
- 2) That the SEND Reforms Plan be considered by the Panel early in the 2026-27 municipal year.
- 3) That the Panel would attend the SEND Reforms Event on the 25th March 2026 and report back on their findings to the Panel.

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

Vicky Metheringham, Service Director for Family help, Safeguarding and Permanence, gave an update on performance data to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 -

- Initial child protection conferences – there had been a decline in performance in the timeliness of initial child protection conferences in January 2026. The main reason for the decline was a delay in invitation lists being sent to partners and family. This left insufficient time to schedule the conference given that partner agencies needed time to provide the required information. Solutions to improve the situation included reinstating oversight from the service manager and head of service, and meeting with managers to review the workflow and agreeing practical improvements. The timeliness of section 47 investigations were reviewed twice a week resulting in a notable improvement since January 2026. Where delays had occurred, social workers continued to see those children and clear safety plans were put in place with partners to ensure the delay did not expose the children to unnecessary risk.
- Child protection visits – there had been a reduction in child protection visits according to the data, however weekly performance reports from team managers explained the children were seen, but that there was an issue with recording in a timely way on the electronic social care record. Proactive steps had been taken to address the issue. When children were not seen, this was mainly due to the family not being in at the time that the practitioner made the visit.
- Child protection review conferences – there had been an apparent decrease in the timeliness of child protection review conferences. This was because a small number of child protection reviews had been rescheduled and therefore convened outside statutory time scales. Reasons for rescheduling were mixed, but included ensuring that parents and partners could attend. In two instances the report from the social worker had not been available due to Christmas leave, and the importance of ensuring the reports were ready was recognised. The overall 12-month average of review conferences which had taken place on time, was 91%, which was above the national average picture.

In answer to a question, the Panel were advised that the planned approach was to create a dedicated multi-agency child protection team that would redefine roles and responsibilities. This would bring greater consistency and oversight of decision making, and allow for more reflection during decision-making conversations. The

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most experienced social work practitioners would lead the child protection decision making.

Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director for Learning and Inclusion, gave an update on the January 2026 exclusion and suspensions performance data and highlighted key points which included -

- 13 notifications of permanent exclusions had been made, of which 4 children were at SEN support, 2 had an EHCP and one was a child looked after. In terms of answering a question on whether exclusions were proportionate, the following assurance was given:
- When a permanent exclusion notification was received for a young person receiving SEND support, the learning and inclusion team would already have reviewed the evidence behind the notification and been assured that the decision-making processes followed were in line with statutory guidance.
- Schools were required to provide detail of reasonable adjustments and interventions implemented, and the involvement of external professionals and the risk factors involved.
- The inclusion team had also explored with schools whether alternatives to exclusion could be considered.
- Governing bodies were required to review every permanent exclusion through a governor disciplinary committee meeting where written and verbal representations were considered, to determine whether the exclusion would be upheld or whether the leadership was directed to reinstate the pupil.
- The LA worked with schools to engage with the inclusion team where youngsters received more than one suspension, to provide earlier support from the outreach team, alternative provision or time at a different school.
- For children and young people who were looked after, the inclusion team worked closely with the virtual school.
- Fortnightly monitoring for exclusions and suspensions took place.
- Suspensions were significantly lower than at a similar period last year.

In answer to a question regarding the training of school governors, Jo-Anne Sanders advised the Panel that school governor training was commissioned.

Jo-Anne Sanders gave an update on January's performance data on EHCPs and highlighted key points which included -

- In January, 5,144 EHCPs were maintained by Kirklees, with 68 EHCPs issued and 81 new requests received.
- Statutory compliance of issuing EHCPs in January was low, at 2.9%, due to challenges across the partnership and the spike in applications during June and July 2025.
- Plans were being issued at 21 or 22 weeks, just outside time scales.
- Systems were in place with the liquid logic portal and it was possible to pinpoint the stage of each plan and identify hold-ups.
- In response to the Scrutiny Panel request for data around complaints, mediations, and tribunals, quarterly data and analysis would be provided at future meetings.

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- In January 2026, 23 complaints had been made - 12 of those were at stage one, one of was at stage two. 7 complaints had been received from MPs and Councillor Enquiries and 3 subject access requests had been submitted.
- No Ombudsman enquiries had been registered and no complaints were at stage three.
- Where concerns were raised, more were being resolved at the first stage.
- The biggest driver for complaints was around placement and provision, which was a nationwide issue.
- In response, time and energy had been invested into early resolution, with casework officers trying to keep communication channels open with families.
- There had been an increase in requests for tribunals, due to system pressure and placement related appeals. Decision making undertaken across panels was broadly robust and most decisions were upheld.
- There had been investment in staff training and capacity within the mediation and tribunal teams to manage complexity and timeliness.
- Learning from mediation and tribunals was being used to inform service improvement.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1) That the verbal updates be noted and officers be thanked for the level of detail provided.
- 2) That the data on complaints, tribunals and mediations be included in the data booklet for consideration by the Panel at future meetings.

### **67 Pre-decision scrutiny - Cabinet decisions on the horizon**

No items of pre-decision scrutiny on Cabinet decisions were discussed.

### **68 Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Kirklees Parenting Board**

Councillor Viv Kendrick, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, updated the Panel on key highlights from the meeting of the Kirklees Parenting Board held on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 -

- Work was ongoing on reciprocal arrangements for care leavers across Yorkshire and the Humber, so that care leavers living across borders would be able to access benefits such as free transport.
- Discussions with Kirklees Active Leisure were ongoing, to ensure the offer better suited the needs of care leavers, in response to their feedback.
- Some care leaver Board Members who had contributed very well to the Board would be leaving as they were no longer of care leaver age; new members would be joining.
- Robust discussion was had about Priority Six, Developing our Care Leavers Partnership to Deliver Success for Life.

The Panel agreed to receive future copies of the minutes of Kirklees Parenting Board as issues raised could trigger an area for future scrutiny focus or prompt questions, and Cllr Kendrick suggested that it was a direct way to hear young people's voices.

### **RESOLVED –**

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That the Panel would receive future copies of the minutes of Kirklees Parenting Board.

### **69 Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 2025/26**

The Panel noted the end of the Work Programme for 2025/26 that significant progress had been made during this municipal year, and that some visits were scheduled to take place in the next municipal year 2026/27.

#### **RESOLVED -**

That the progress on the Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 2025/26 be noted.

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| Childrens Scrutiny Panel                      |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                     |                                    |  |
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| 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 |  |
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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.

CHILDREN’S SCRUTINY PANEL – 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR

**MEMBERS:** Cllr Alex Vickers, Cllr Tanisha Bramwell, Cllr Jane Barraclough, Cllr Glennis Harrison, Cllr Maryam Jawaïd, Cllr Susan Maxwell

**SUPPORT:** Helen Kilroy (Assistant Democracy Manager), Claire Gardiner (Democracy Officer)

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS/AREAS OF FOCUS FOR CONSIDERATION

| Agenda item/area of focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Lead Officer                                                                                                                                                                                   | Areas of Scrutiny carried forward from 25-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Outcomes/Actions                                                                                                                                                                      | Comments                                                       |
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| <b>Standard items</b> <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 Kirklees Parenting Board</li></ul> | <p>Cabinet Members/Senior Officers (Children’s Service)</p> <p>Presented by Service Directors (produced by Data and Insight Team)</p> <p>Panel Members who attend Kirklees Parenting Board</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 Children and Families Service (written report in informal session and verbal update on key issues in public meeting). Panel will be asked for questions <b>to be submitted 1 week before the public meeting</b>, these will be shared with Senior Officers/Cabinet Members in advance of the Informal meeting to prepare responses.</p> <p>Members of the Panel who attend the Kirklees Parenting Board will feedback</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Each meeting of the Panel (when data is available)</p> <p>Updates will be provided at Panel meetings when a meeting of the Board has taken place (meetings take</p> | <p>Every meeting</p> <p>Every meeting</p> <p>Every meeting</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambition Board Minutes</li> </ul> | Senior Officers and Cabinet Members   | <p>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>place quarterly). Minutes of meetings will be shared with the Panel once approved by the Board.</p> <p>Ongoing and when available</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Quarterly        |
| <b>LEARNING AND EARLY SUPPORT</b>                                        |                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                  |
| <b>SEND Reforms</b>                                                      | Jo-Anne Sanders/<br>Adrian Wisniewski | <p>The Panel will scrutinise the SEND Reforms and will focus on the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>SEND Reforms White Paper</b> - Plan to be submitted by Director of Children and Families to NHS England in September 2026, Plan and updates to be shared with Panel.</li> <li><b>SEND 3 Year plan</b></li> <li><b>Effective communication with parents on the changes</b> – action plans to be shared with the Panel</li> <li><b>Visit to SEND Reforms Engagement Event in July 2026</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>Visit to the SEND Reforms Engagement Event with parents and partners on 20 July 2026</b></p> <p>The Panel have been invited to the SEND Reforms event to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 13.15 - 16.00 at Cathedral House, Huddersfield. On the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 the Council will submit the Kirklees Local SEND Reform Plan and the next step is to move from submission into delivery, and the Children's Service are bringing partners back together to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>show how your feedback has shaped the plan</li> <li>provide a clear overview of what we have committed to</li> <li>pressure test key elements of the approach</li> <li>continue to co-produce how this works in practice / inform next steps</li> </ul> | Visit on 20.7.26 |

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| <b>School Attendance</b> | Jo-Anne Sanders/<br>Christina Marsay | <p>The Panel will scrutinise the Family Hubs and will focus on the following areas –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>An overview of School Attendance</b> underpinned by <a href="#">Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK</a>, explaining the DfE expectations of parents, schools and the Local Authority which will include an <b>overview of data for the academic year 2025/26</b> in comparison to previous years and nationally available data.</li> <li><b>Invite to the Panel to attend one of the Local Authority's Termly Attendance Matters Networks</b> to provide information with schools and to enable sharing of good practice.</li> </ol> | <p><b>Visit to observe an Attendance Matters Network meeting</b><br/>The Panel were invited to attend and observe the meeting on either of the following dates -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 November 2026 – Civic Centre 1, Collaboration Space, 8.30am–1.00pm</li> <li>• 20 April 2027 – Civic Centre 1, Collaboration Space, 8.30am–1.00pm</li> <li>• 30 June 2027 – Civic Centre 1, Collaboration Space, 8.30am–1.00pm</li> </ul> <p>These sessions provided an opportunity to share attendance priorities, emerging issues, effective practice and partnership approaches with schools across the borough. Panel Members would gain insight into the ongoing work being undertaken to improve school attendance and outcomes for children and young people.</p> | <p>Visit on either – 20.11.26 20.4.27 or 30.6.27</p> |

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| <b>Standing Advisory Committee Religious Education (SACRE)</b>                                                     | Jo-Anne Sanders/Emma Brayford/Mark Janes (Chair of SACRE <a href="mailto:rmijanes@aol.com">rmijanes@aol.com</a> ) and Emma Salter, Pennine Learning (PL), Education Consultant and Jake Womack, PL Director | The Panel will scrutinise the work of the Kirklees Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) which includes partnership working with other regional local authorities and consider the Annual Report in February each year.                                           | <b>Annual Report on Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) – Panel meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b><br>The Panel will consider SACRE's Annual Report.                                                                                                                                                   | Panel on 12.3.27         |
| <b>COMMISSIONING, QUALITY AND HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |
| <b>Sufficiency of Children's Homes and the approach to create stable and loving homes for children in Kirklees</b> | Jess Barclay-Lambert<br>Stewart Horn                                                                                                                                                                        | The Panel will scrutinise the Sufficiency of Children's Homes and focus on the following areas – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developments to expand homes for children; and</li> <li>• Steps being taken to ensure children in care are cared for in Kirklees</li> </ul> | <b>Sufficiency of Children's Homes – Annual Report – Panel meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b><br>The Panel will consider an annual report on the sufficiency of children's homes which will focus on developments to expand homes for children and the steps being taken to ensure children in care are cared for in Kirklees. | Panel meeting on 16.4.27 |

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| <b>Children's Voice</b> | Jess Barclay-Lambert/<br>Benjamin Newsome/<br>Kay Parry | <p>The Panel will scrutinise the Children's Voice and will focus on the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Children's Voice and impact of team on children and young people</li> <li>• The Panel will receive a presentation from Our Children's Voice Service who will give an update on the work undertaken by the team</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Voice of the Child – Panel Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b></p> <p>The Panel will consider a presentation on the Voice of the Child which will include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principles of participation</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Children's rights</li> </ul> | Panel meeting on 17.7.26 |
| <b>Family Hubs</b>      | Jess Barclay-Lambert<br>Michelle Lister                 | <p>The Panel will scrutinise the Family Hubs and will focus on the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reach and engagement of children and families</b></li> <li>• <b>Progress on implementation of the Family Hubs</b></li> <li>• <b>Best start programme implementation</b> – to include links with wider Family Hubs 0-19/25 offer</li> <li>• <b>Launch and development of Hub and spoke model</b> – 4 main Hubs in the geographies of Batley and Spen, Dewsbury and Mirfield, Huddersfield and Rural, and satellites extending from these to communities with highest levels of need (page 6 of <a href="#">Kirklees Best Start Plan</a>)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Update on progress of implementation of the Family Hubs – Panel Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2027</b></p> <p>The Panel will consider a report and presentation giving a progress update of the implementation of the Family Hubs.</p>                                                           | Panel meeting on 22.1.27 |

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|                                                           |                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Visit to Dewsbury Moor Family Hub</b> – November 2026</li> <li>• <b>Visits to Family Hubs</b> – dates to be confirmed</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                    |
| <b>CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</b>                              |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                    |
| <b>Care Leavers Service</b>                               | Vicky Metherringham/<br>Lauren Stephenson/<br>Zoe Prince | <p>The Panel will scrutinise the Care Leavers Service and will focus on the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Care Leavers Service Improvement Plan</b></li> <li>• <b>The Panel will meet informally with the young people who help with the Kirklees Parenting Board</b> – date to be arranged</li> <li>• <b>Visit to No 11 and No 12</b> – to be arranged when hub-based activities are taking place – dates to be confirmed</li> <li>• <b>Visit to Kirklees Parenting Board</b> - when Employment Training and Education (ETE) for care leavers aged 18-25 will be considered – to be arranged</li> <li>• <b>Corporate Parenting Strategy</b> – Panel to meet with Team Managers to go through the Strategy – to be arranged</li> </ul> | <p><b>Visit to Kirklees Parenting Board (KPB) on 28th July</b><br/>The Panel will be invited to attend the Board on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026 when Employment Training and Education (ETE) for care leavers aged 18-25 will be considered.</p> <p><b>Update on the Leaving Care Service Improvement Plan – Panel meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b><br/>The Panel will consider an update on the Leaving Care Service Improvement Plan and specific work to engage 18-25 year olds into Care Leavers Service.</p> | <p>Kirklees Parenting Board on 28.7.26</p> <p>Panel on 16.4.27</p> |
| <b>Youth Justice Service and Youth Engagement Service</b> | Vicky Metherringham/<br>Theresa Racz                     | The Panel will scrutinise the work of the Youth Justice Service and will focus on the following area –                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Overview of the inspection process and a summary of the previous</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Panel on 16.10.26                                                  |

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|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth Justice Service and Youth Engagement Service</b> – to be arranged</li> <li>• <b>Visits to the New Street and Young Batley Centres to meet the Teams</b> – to be arranged</li> <li>• <b>Visit to Youth Justice Management Board</b> – to be arranged</li> <li>• <b>Visit to the Exploitation Screening Panel and Daily risk of exploitation and missing</b> – to be arranged</li> <li>• <b>Planned events</b> – details to be provided</li> </ul>                                      | <b>inspection - Panel on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b><br>The Panel will consider a report giving an overview of the inspection process of the Youth Justice Service to include a summary of the previous inspection.                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |
| <b>Children's Social Care Reforms</b> | Vicky Metherringham/<br>Robert Fordyce<br>Rehana Hanif (Service Re-design)<br><br>Charlotte Jackson<br>(Family Group Decision Making webinars/<br>Family Group Conferencing/Multi Agency Events)<br><br>Adele Herdsman<br>(Family Help Teams) | The Panel will scrutinise the Children's Social Care Reforms and will focus on the following areas – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Service Redesign (by March 2027)</b> – multi agency child protection teams</li> <li>• <b>Practice approach – family group decision making</b></li> <li>• <b>Keeping children safe</b></li> <li>• <b>Role of the Social Worker – qualified and non-qualified</b> - Panel to understand the different roles and responsibilities and how they link together within the teams.</li> </ul> | <b>Visit to Staff Engagement Event for the Families First Partnership Programme (FFPP) on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026</b><br>The Panel have been invited to attend and observe practice at the staff engagement event for practitioners.<br><br><b>Visit to Family Group Decision Making Webinar on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b><br>The Panel have been invited to attend the Webinar to observe practice. | Visit on 23.9.26<br><br><br>Visit on 24.9.26<br><br><br>Visit on 7.10.26 |

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|                                                                                                                                                                           | Ann Franssen/Carol Ann Smith<br>(Staff Engagement Event/Multi Agency Event/<br>Family Group Decision Making Webinars) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Observation of Family Group Decision Making webinars</b></li> <li>• <b>Visit to Family Group Conferencing Service</b></li> <li>• <b>Visit to meet with one of the Family Help Teams</b> – early April</li> <li>• <b>Visit to Multi Agency Child Protection Team</b> – early April 2027</li> </ul> | <p><b>Visit to Multi-Agency event for Families First Partnership Programme on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b></p> <p>The Panel have been invited to attend and observe practice at the multi-agency event attended by partners which has been planned for the Families First Reforms.</p> <p><b>Overview of the Service Review and key changes – Panel Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b></p> <p>The Panel will consider a report giving an Overview of the Service Review and key changes to include information explaining the role of Social Worker (to include a presentation) – October 2026</p> | Panel on 16.10.26 |
| <b>Further discussion required to agree areas of focus -</b>                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth Work Offer</b></li> <li>• <b>Children in Sports – role models (coaches) – what is happening in Kirklees?</b></li> </ul> | To be confirmed                                                                                                       | To be confirmed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   |
| <b>Safeguarding of Children and Young People in Kirklees and children in exploitation</b>                                                                                 | To be confirmed                                                                                                       | <p>The Panel will scrutinise the safeguarding of children and young people in Kirklees and will focus on the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Current approach/position in Kirklees</b></li> <li>• <b>Update on our “Changing Streets”</b></li> <li>• <b>Children in exploitation</b></li> </ul>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   |

| Joint Scrutiny with Health and Adult Social Care Panel                                                   |                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |
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| <b>Impact of the ICB changes on health provision for children, in particular Mental Health Provision</b> | Joint working with Health and Adult Social Care Panel – to be confirmed | <p>The Panel will scrutinise the impact of the ICB changes on health provision for children and in particular Mental Health for children and agreed to receive future updates on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The commissioning arrangements as they are developed.</li> <li>• Attendance at the Health and Adult Social Care Panel on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July to observe the discussion on the ICB changes.</li> <li>• Attendance at the Health and Adult Social Care Panel on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2027 to observe the discussion on Mental health for adults and children.</li> </ul> | <p><b>ICB Changes and impact on health services – Health and Adult Social Care Panel on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026</b></p> <p>The Panel have been invited to attend the Panel meeting to observe the discussion on the ICB changes and the impact on health services.</p> <p><b>Mental Health for Adults and Children (referral thresholds) – Health and Adult Social Care Panel on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2027</b></p> <p>The Panel have been invited to attend the Panel meeting to observe the discussion on the Mental Health for Adults and Children to consider –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of referrals declined by CAMHS and adult mental health services.</li> <li>• The most common reasons for declined referrals.</li> <li>• What support is offered to people who do not meet service thresholds.</li> <li>• Waiting times between referral, assessment and alternative support.</li> <li>• Any evidence that people are repeatedly moving between</li> </ul> | <p>H&amp;ASC Panel on 22.7.26</p> <p>H&amp;ASC Panel on 10.3.27</p> |

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## Children's Scrutiny Panel

### Agenda Plan 2026/27

| Date of Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                          | Issues for Consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Officer Contact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>12<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b><br><br><b>Workshop - Informal Meeting</b>                                                                                                                               | (with Panel and Senior Officers)<br><br>To consider potential areas of focus for the Panel during 2025/26 municipal year which will include the Council's key priorities for the children's service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Helen Kilroy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b><br><br><b>Informal meeting 9.30am-10.30am</b><br><b>Public meeting 10.30am</b><br><b>Hybrid meeting</b><br><b>Council Chamber HTH</b><br><br>Report deadline:<br>3.7.26 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Informal Items:-</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children's Service Data Performance Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Items:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Voice of the Child (Presentation)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Performance Highlights (verbal)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 26/27</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Service Directors to present<br/>(Paul Caladine to provide report)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J Barclay-Lambert/Kay Parry/<br/>Benjamin Newsome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H Kilroy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service Directors 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;">H Kilroy</p> |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b><br><br><b>Informal meeting 9.30am-10.30am</b><br><b>Public meeting 10.30am</b><br><b>Hybrid meeting</b>                                                             | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Informal Items:-</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children's Service Data Performance Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Items:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cabinet Priorities 26/27</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p style="text-align: center;">Portfolio Holders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Council Chamber HTH</b><br><br>Report deadline:<br>20.8.26                                                                                                                                                                    | Performance Highlights (verbal)<br><br>Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon<br><br>Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Kirklees Parenting Board<br><br>Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 26/27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Service Directors<br><br>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members<br><br>Panel Members<br><br>H Kilroy                                                                                                                        |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b><br><br><b>Informal meeting</b><br><b>9.30am-10.30am</b><br><b>Public meeting</b><br><b>10.30am</b><br><b>Hybrid meeting</b><br><b>Council Chamber HTH</b><br><br>Report deadline:<br>2.10.26 | <b>Informal Items:-</b><br><br>Children’s Service Data Performance Report<br><br><b>Public Items:</b><br><br>Overview of the Children’s Social Care Service Review and key changes<br><br>Overview of the Youth Justice Service Inspection Process<br><br>Performance Highlights (verbal)<br><br>Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon<br><br>Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Kirklees Parenting Board<br><br>Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 26/27 | Service Directors to present<br><br><br><br>R Fordyce/R Hanif/<br>V Metherringham<br><br>V Metherringham/T Racz<br><br>Service Directors<br><br>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members<br><br>Panel Members<br><br>H Kilroy |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> November 2026</b><br><br><b>Informal meeting</b><br><b>9.30am-10.30am</b><br><b>Public meeting</b><br><b>10.30am</b>                                                                                          | <b>Informal Items:-</b><br><br>Children’s Service Data Performance Report<br><br><b>Public Items:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Service Directors to present                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>Hybrid meeting<br/>Council Chamber HTH</b><br><br>Report deadline:<br><b>6.11.26</b>                                                                                                                       | <p>SEND Reforms</p> <p>School Attendance<br/>(to include an overview of data for the academic year 2025/26 in comparison to previous years and nationally available data)</p> <p>Performance Highlights (verbal)</p> <p>Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon</p> <p>Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 26/27</p> | <p>Jo Sanders/Adrian Wisniewski</p> <p>Jo Sanders/Christina Marsay</p> <p>Service Directors</p> <p>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members</p> <p>Panel Members</p> <p>H Kilroy</p> |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2027</b><br><br><b>Informal meeting<br/>9.30am-10.30am</b><br><b>Public meeting<br/>10.30am</b><br><b>Hybrid meeting<br/>Council Chamber HTH</b><br><br>Report deadline:<br>8.1.27 | <p><b>Informal Items:-</b></p> <p>Children's Service Data Performance Report</p> <p><b>Public Items:</b></p> <p>Update on progress of implementation of the Family Hubs</p> <p>Performance Highlights (verbal)</p> <p>Pre-decision Scrutiny – Cabinet decisions on the horizon</p> <p>Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 26/27</p>   | <p>Service Directors to present</p> <p>Jess Barclay-Lambert</p> <p>Service Directors</p> <p>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members</p> <p>Panel Members</p> <p>H Kilroy</p>        |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> March 2027</b><br><br><b>Informal meeting<br/>9.30am-10.30am</b><br><b>Public meeting</b>                                                                                                  | <p><b>Informal Items:-</b></p> <p>Children's Service Data Performance Report</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Service Directors<br/>to present</p>                                                                                                                                     |

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| <p><b>10.30am</b><br/><b>Hybrid meeting</b><br/><b>Council Chamber HTH</b></p> <p>Report deadline:<br/>26.2.27</p>                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Public Items:</b></p> <p>SEND Reforms – Next Steps</p> <p>Annual Report on Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)</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 Kirklees Parenting Board</p> <p>Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 26/27</p>                                                                                                                                 | <p>Jo Sanders/Adrian Wisniewski</p> <p>Emma Brayford</p> <p>Service Directors</p> <p>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members</p> <p>H Kilroy</p>                                                                                           |
| <p><b>16<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b></p> <p><b>Informal meeting</b><br/><b>9.30am-10.30am</b><br/><b>Public meeting</b><br/><b>10.30am</b><br/><b>Hybrid meeting</b><br/><b>Council Chamber HTH</b></p> <p>Report deadline:<br/>2.4.27</p> | <p><b>Informal Items:-</b></p> <p>Children's Service Data Performance Report</p> <p><b>Public items</b></p> <p>NO PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Pre-election period)</p> <p>Sufficiency of Children's Homes – Annual Report</p> <p>Update on Re-design of the Care Leavers Service</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 Kirklees Parenting Board</p> <p>Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 26/27</p> | <p>Service Directors<br/>to present</p> <p>H Kilroy to note</p> <p>Jess Barclay-Lambert</p> <p>V Metheringham/LStephenson</p> <p>Service Directors</p> <p>Senior Officers/Cabinet Members</p> <p>Panel Members</p> <p>H Kilroy</p> |

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