

CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

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

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

Agenda item/area of focus	Lead Officer	Areas of Scrutiny carried forward from 21-22	Comments
<p>Standard items</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 Metherringham</p>	<p>The Panel will continue to review the Improvement Journey of Children's Service and receive regular updates of the ILACs Inspection and the outcome when it has been undertaken.</p>	<p>Immediate and ongoing</p>

		<p>The ILACS Self Evaluation May 2023 and Self Evaluation Summary was circulated to the Panel for consideration in June 2023. The Panel will consider the ILACS Self Evaluation (SEF) and the Strengths and Weaknesses Questionnaires (SDQs) and agree what elements may be relevant to this work.</p> <p>The Chair of the Panel attended a Webinar on ILACS preparation.</p>	
Review of Children’s Residential Homes and functions	Kieran Lord	The Panel will review the Children’s Residential Homes and functions and officers will update the Panel on visits to the Homes as appropriate.	Within next 12 months
Quality Assurance – impact of auditing the Children’s Service	Vicky Metheringham/Robert Fordyce/Service Directors in Children’s	<p>The Panel will consider the Quality Assurance impact of auditing the Children’s Service, what difference it was making to children’s lives.</p> <p>Informal Panel meeting on 1st December 2023 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>
Educational and learning Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our Kirklees Futures Learning Strategy 	Jo-Anne Sanders/Narinder Kaur/Paul Caladine/Emma Brayford	<p>The Panel will scrutinise/consider the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the Panel are given the opportunity to contribute to the restructuring and reshaping of the Education and Learning Partnership Board; - 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; 	

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

<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. – add to visits list</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 • Is the voice of the young person being heard? (as below) • Good practice • Delivery of quality service 	
<p>Voice of the Young Person</p>	<p>Tom Brailsford/Service Directors (Children’s Service)</p>	<p>The Panel will keep a watching brief on all areas of scrutiny by the Panel and explore whether the voice of the child was being heard, whether they are empowered to speak up and ensure that lessons have and are being learned.</p>	
<p>Special Educational Needs and High Needs (SEND)</p>	<p>Jo-Anne Sanders/Kieran Lord/Adrian Wisniewski</p>	<p>The Panel will scrutinise the following areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - New provision – schools and additional resources - Sufficiency of SEND, foster care and residential care – key challenges 	<p>(ongoing)</p> <p>(within 6 months)</p> <p>(within 6 months)</p> <p>(ongoing)</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	
Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's)	Vicky Metheringham/Kieran Lord/Jo-Anne Sanders	The Panel will scrutinise the support given to Special Guardianship Orders, not just financial but also to check they are getting the support they need.	Within next 6 months
Mental Health in Schools <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>	
Transition of young people to adults	Vicky Metheringham/Kieran Lord/Jo-Anne Sanders	<p>The Panel will scrutinise the transition of young people to adults and check if the service is being managed well; receive information regarding the service offer (including C&K Careers) and how support is given to a child when they turn 18.</p> <p>The Panel will be invited to attend the Children's Access to Service Panel (CAS Panel) which is attended by partners from health, education and assists young people to develop relationships with Adult Social Care.</p> <p>The Panel will also consider the voice of the family as well as the child in this work.</p>	
<p>Lead Member Briefings (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.	