

**Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission (CYPE)
Work Programme 2023 – 2024**

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations / Actions	Progress
11 July 2023	1) Ashfield Centre 2) Introduction to CYPE services	1) Lead Officers to revisit this issue with the view to explore further options and solutions with Ash Field Academy. The Council considers a city-wide review of provision related to the high needs block funding. 2) The key issues discussed be added to the work programme. The Family Hubs item to be added for the next commission meeting.	1) Formal decision called-in and brought back to the commission on 2 November 2) Family Hubs item taken to the meeting on 19 September.
19 September 2023	1) Family Hubs report 2) Children & Social Care – intro to new director and the services. 3) Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) 4) RAAC and Leicester City schools – update 5) Work Programme	1) Recommended to keep on work programme for a report back in 6 months. 2a) Members liked the initiative of a charter for Cllrs to be community champions for fostering within their communities, look forward to this being developed. 2b) A future meeting item suggested on children’s homes, a presentation would benefit scrutiny. 5) The following be added to the work programme and allocated to upcoming commission meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children residential homes - deficit recovery plan - Looked after children placements - Recruitment and social services - SEND and Taxi provision 	1) Added as a suggested item for 27 February 2024. 2a) Added to the work programme – date TBC 2b) Added to work programme – date TBC 5) To be confirmed in consultation with the Chair/Vice Chair/officers

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2 November 2023	1) Ashfield Call-in 2) High Needs Block – Verbal Update	1) Discussion to be had regarding ‘tapering’ of funding. 2a) Data to be provided on the level of overspend at different Councils in next report 2b) Informal Scrutiny to take place following the submission of the full report.	1) Meeting to take place week-commencing 18 December 2023.
19 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Annual report • SEND transport provision • School attendance and exclusions report • Update on new in-house children’s residential provision 		
16 January 2024	Council budget reports – general fund report and capital programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looked After Children Placements • Youth Justice Plan 	LAC Placements to have a follow-up later in year.	

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27 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Hubs Update (as requested in September 2023) • Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children – Update • Performance report for schools • Fostering Annual report and • Adoption Annual report (including Fostering Community Champions update) • DSG high-needs block recovery plan 		

Forward Plan Items (suggested)

Topic	Detail	Proposed Date
SEN support and funding		
Pupil Place Planning (Primary and Secondary)		
Multi-Academy Trusts - Overview		
Children not in state-maintained schools e.g.: Academies, Independent, Faith schools.		
Early Years Childcare Sufficiency Report		

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Youth Services - overview		
Children in Care Council/Care Leavers		
School Holiday Activity and Food Provision		
Education Govt reports e.g.: white paper / green paper		
Ofsted Inspection reports		
Children's Social Care – Recruitment Issues		
Mental Health impacts on children	Likely to be examined jointly with other commissions	
Informal Scrutiny on DSG High Needs Block	To commence following the full report to the Commission.	