

# **SCE Priorities and Performance Reports 2026/27**

Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny  
Commission

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## **Useful information**

- Ward(s) affected: All
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### **1. Summary**

The presentation attached to this report displays the fourteen agreed priorities for the Social Care and Education department for the 2026/27 financial year alongside performance ambitions which will be reported on periodically to track progress.

### **2. Recommendation(s) to scrutiny:**

Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission are invited to comment on the priorities and plans for measuring performance ambitions during 2026/27.

### **3. Detailed report**

- 3.1 The presentation attached to this report displays the fourteen agreed priorities for the Social Care and Education department for the 2026/27 financial year alongside performance ambitions which will be reported on periodically to track progress. This will include reporting to relevant scrutiny commissions as well as the City Mayor's Education, Health and Care Board. These measures replace the previous dashboard and focus on a smaller set of outcome-based measures either with a numerical target figure, direction of travel or narrative description.
- 3.2 Trial reporting, based on quarter 4 of 2025/26 and using these priorities and measures is expected to be available by mid-May. It is anticipated that reports will be available 6-8 weeks past the end of a quarter once data has been gathered, finalised, checked and analysed. Where possible benchmarks with regional or other similar authorities (statistical neighbours and other similar cities) will be included.

## **4. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications**

### **4.1 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report however financial implications should be sought for the various reports mentioned in the presentation prior to submission.

Signed: Mohammed Irfan, Head of Finance

Dated: 18 February 2026

#### **4.2 Legal Implications**

There are no direct legal implications to this report and the attached Priorities and Performance Ambitions.

Signed: Amy Owen-Davis, Principal Solicitor, Children Social, Legal Services

Dated: 18 February 2026

#### **4.3 Equalities Implications**

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have statutory duties, including the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED), which requires them, in exercising their functions, to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not, and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. Protected characteristics under the Act are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

This report presents the Social Care and Education Department's priorities and performance ambitions for 2026/27 and is expected to support fair access and improved outcomes for adults, children, young people and carers, many of whom have protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

Where specific service changes, new programmes (including the use of new technologies such as artificial intelligence tools) or commissioning decisions arise from these priorities, proportionate Equality Impact Assessments should be undertaken to ensure that equality implications are fully considered, potential adverse impacts are identified, and appropriate mitigating actions are built into decision-making.

Signed: Equalities Officer, Surinder Singh, Ext 37 4148

Dated: 18 February 2026

#### **4.4 Climate Emergency Implications**

There are no significant climate emergency implications arising from this report. Implications arising from specific initiatives should be given consideration as and when the relevant reports are submitted for decision.

Signed: Philip Ball, Sustainability Officer, Ext 372246

Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### **4.5 Other Implications**

Signed:

Dated:

### **5. Background information and other papers:**

### **6. Summary of appendices:**

