

**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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ashfield Call-in 2) High Needs Block – Verbal Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Meeting to take place week-commencing 18 December 2023.

<p>19 December 2023</p>	<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 	<p>1a) It would be useful to have a section of statistics showing incidences of safeguarding cases year on year so that it could be seen if cases were going up or down.</p> <p>1b) The impact of potential cuts to Childrens' Centres and any potential knock-on effect could be looked into.</p> <p>1c) Statistics showing early help assessments going down but children in need going up and any correlation between early help assessments and escalation needs to be looked into.</p> <p>1d) Information on the methodology of the audit on home-schooled children to be provided.</p> <p>1e) Ways that young people can be involved to be considered.</p> <p>2a) Application for Government funding for electric school busses to be considered.</p> <p>2b) Figures on how much bursary funding available for post-16 students to be obtained.</p> <p>2c) A similar transport system to the city centre 'Hop' busses to be considered for schools and colleges.</p> <p>2d) Figures on how many SEND children were going outside the city to independent special schools to be obtained.</p> <p>2e) Procedures where a child lives at two addresses to be looked into – particularly</p>	<p>1a) This information will be presented in the 2023/24 yearly report.</p> <p>1b) The partnership has not received information to date re the impact of cuts to Childrens' Centres but this will be considered within this business year.</p> <p>1d) Outline of methodology circulated to members of the Commission.</p> <p>1e) Information circulated to members of the Commission.</p>
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		<p>with regard to which parent/guardian has responsibility for travel arrangements.</p> <p>2f) Consider raising personal transport budgets to reduce taxi use.</p> <p>3a) Absence statistics by Ward to be produced.</p>	
<p>16 January 2024</p>	<p>Council budget reports – general fund report and capital programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Justice Plan • Update on Ashfield 		

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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 	Task Group to happen after DSG Report.	

Forward Plan Items (suggested)

Topic	Detail	Proposed Date
Looked After Children Placements	To come to first meeting of 2024/25 municipal year.	
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		
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.	
Leicester Children's Services – Self Evaluation		
Covid impact and response to early childhood development		