

**Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission (CYPE)
Work Programme 2024 – 2025**

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations / Actions	Progress
19 June 2024	<p>Questions, Representations and Statements of case.</p> <p>Introduction to CYPE Scrutiny Commission including new Directors.</p> <p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>Education Performance Report.</p> <p>Children Seeking Safety</p> <p>Post-16 SEND Home-to-School Travel - Update</p>	<p>Set up session to help members understand the issues surrounding community asset transfer.</p> <p>Briefing to be given on finance and resources in CYPE.</p> <p>Staff turnover figures to be provided.</p> <p>Updated briefing on CYPE to come to Commission once more is known after General Election - to include information on finance and resource and the workforce.</p> <p>Influence on deprivation on performance to be investigated, particularly with regard to white children and those eligible for free school meals.</p> <p>Regional director from DfE to be invited to the Commission to inform on academy schools in the area.</p> <p>Monitor the emergence of a national plan.</p> <p>Report to come to the Commission on Childrens Centres and Children's Services.</p> <p>Commission to be kept informed of developments regarding Children Seeking Safety.</p> <p>Consultation to be shared with Commission in advance. (via email rather than at a meeting due to schedule)</p>	<p>To be shared in a later paper with scrutiny</p> <p>To be shared in a later paper with scrutiny</p> <p>To be shared in a later paper with scrutiny</p> <p>No national plan announced to date</p> <p>Will be shared when available.</p>

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20 August 2024	<p>Use of Capital Programme in Schools</p> <p>Youth Justice Plan Refresh 2024/25</p> <p>Adventure Playgrounds Update</p>	<p>Added value to be included in future reports.</p> <p>Plan to be sent to Schools.</p> <p>Engagement Strategy to be shared with Councillors, and offer made to Councillors to attend meetings on participation of young people in the service.</p> <p>Update report on the situation regarding Adventure Playgrounds to come to the Commission after September.</p>	<p>Plan to go out in the KIT school bulletin.</p> <p>Added to workplan.</p>

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29 October 2024	DSG high-needs block recovery plan	<p>Information to be provided on how long people are having to wait for EHCPs and suitable placements.</p> <p>Report to be brought on sufficiency in Mainstream and Special Schools.</p> <p>Case study to be brought to the Commission.</p> <p>Report on tribunals to be brought to commission, including the number of cases, and costs, including costs of external consultants in tribunals to be ascertained.</p>	Shared with Members.
	Adventure Playground Update		
	Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report	Terms of Reference of the task and finish group to develop learning and training around the role of immigration status, culture, faith, and parenting in safeguarding children to be circulated to members.	
	Workload and Resources	Benchmarking information to be shared with Members	

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	<p>Children's Services: Cost Mitigation Programme Overview</p> <p>Draft General Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2025/26</p>	<p>Information on independent visitors to be sent to members.</p> <p>Commission to follow social work staffing and training.</p> <p>Commission to be informed on how work with families in localities will be carried out and what the change will look like and how it will be delivered locally. A project plan for delivery will be needed.</p> <p>Request regarding breaking down budget into service areas to be considered.</p> <p>Information to be provided on whether local safety schemes include road safety schemes around schools.</p>	
<p>25 February 2025</p>	<p>Post-16 SEND Home-to-School transport</p> <p>LADO Annual Report</p> <p>Children's Services Reforms</p> <p>Ofsted ILACS Report (Inspecting Local Authority Children's Services) and Improvement plan</p>		

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8 April 2025	<p>Adventure playgrounds – final update</p> <p>High Needs Block – Impact of workstreams</p> <p>Functioning Family therapies</p> <p>Sufficiency Strategy</p>	<p>To include info on activities and successes, and a cover report explaining terminology. To come quarterly or 6-monthly.</p> <p>To include provision of Care Packages/Residential Accommodation for CLA – Council provision and the private sector. PDCC Members to be invited.</p>	

Forward Plan Items (suggested)

Topic	Detail	Proposed Date
Children's Centres		
Sufficiency in Mainstream and Special Schools		
Children from Abroad Seeking Safety	6-monthly report.	
Academies – Performance Report		
Needs Assessment in Relation to Families in the City		
Children not in state-maintained schools e.g.: Academies, Independent, Faith schools		
Multi-Academy Trusts - Overview		

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Update from local DfE Officer		
Fostering Annual Report	To include costs relating to Customer Relationship management tool, the Ofsted thematic report, information on family finding events and more detail on advertising techniques for recruitment.	
Fostering Community Champions update	Deferred from 26 March 2024	
Corporate Parenting Update	Annual report.	
Fostering Service – Marketing Strategy		
SEN support and funding		
Pupil Place Planning (Primary and Secondary)		
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		