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

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

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20 August 2024	Family Hubs and Children's Centres	Mapping for Change to be added as an item to the Work Plan. To come to the Commission once the final report was reviewed.	
	Use of Capital Programme in Schools	Added value to be included in future reports.	
	Youth Justice Plan Refresh 2024/25	Plan to be sent to Schools. Engagement Strategy to be shared with Councillors, and offer made to Councillors to attend meetings on participation of young people in the service.	
	Adventure Playgrounds Update	Update report on the situation regarding Adventure Playgrounds to come to the Commission after September. Cllr Russell and Chair and Vice-Chair to discuss possible engagement with play associations to get progress updates.	

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29 October 2024	DSG high-needs block recovery plan	Information to be provided on how long people are having to wait for EHCPs and suitable placements.	
		Report to be brought on sufficiency in Mainstream and Special Schools.	
		Case study to be brought to the Commission.	
		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.	
	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.	Shared with Members.
	Workload and Resources	Benchmarking information to be shared with Members	

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14 January 2025	Update on Youth Summit	To be considered as a regular item to ensure the conversation continues.	
		Cultural Dimension to be added to look at how Young People from overseas interact and how they settle in the UK/Leicester.	
		Consideration be given to including Looked After Children and Children Seeking Safety.	
		Consideration to be given to how young people want to be spoken to and receive information.	
		Members to be kept informed of future summits.	
	Update on Children from Abroad Seeking Safety	Proportions of 18+ and U18s to be included in next report.	
		More information on the support the Education Psychology service provides in relation to trauma experienced by CSS, other than the 'Journeys' project to be provided. Health colleagues to be contacted on this.	
		To be reported on every 6 months.	
	Update from Impower	Report to be brought on the Functioning Family Therapy pilot programme, looking at its activity and successes, including a cover report explaining terminology. To come to Commission quarterly or 6-monthly.	

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		Information on independent visitors to be sent to members.	
	Children's Services: Cost Mitigation Programme Overview	Commission to follow social work staffing and training.	
		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.	
	Draft General Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2025/26	Request regarding breaking down budget into service areas to be considered.	
		Information to be provided on whether local safety schemes include road safety schemes around schools.	
25 February	LADO Annual Report		
2025	Ofsted Report (Children's Social Care)		
	Improvement Plan		
	Post-16 SEND Home-to- School transport		

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8 April 2025	Adventure playgrounds – final update		
	High Needs Block – Impact of workstreams		
	Functioning Family therapies	To include info on activities and successes, and a cover report explaining terminology. To come quarterly or 6-monthly.	
	HNB Tribunal Report	To include information on the number of cases, and costs, including costs of external consultants.	
	HNB Case Study	May need to be exempt or redacted if it includes personal information.	
	HNB Sufficiency in Mainstream and Special Schools		
	Sufficiency Strategy	To include provision of Care Packages/Residential Accommodation for CLA – Council provision and the private sector.	

Forward Plan Items (suggested)

Topic	Detail	Proposed Date
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		
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	