

Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme April – May 2023/24

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
April 2024	<p>School Attainment</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 8 & 10</p> <p>Governance Review: The safe and effective delivery of key services supporting vulnerable people.</p> <p>Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 2024/25 budget.</p>	<p>To examine school attainment and what is being done to improve outcomes for vulnerable children.</p> <p>To include budget / resources information.</p>	<p>Committee meeting single item: 10 April 2024</p> <p>Presentation/Paper Deadline: 22 March 2024</p>	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	<p>Lisa Smith</p> <p>David Fallows (TBC)</p>	School Attainment was last discussed at the 22 Feb 23 committee meeting. The papers are available here and the minutes are available here .
April 2024	<p>Budget Challenge and Financial Recovery – Delivery of 2024/25 Savings</p> <p>CGFS Governance Review Criteria 5: Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 24/25 budget; the Emergency budget (to be identified by</p>	<p>Responding to the recommendation of Co-ordinating O&S Committee, members to examine the savings delivery plans that relate to the remit of this Committee.</p> <p>To understand the mobilisation / implementation of the 2024/25 Budget Savings Delivery Plans.</p>	Task and Finish Group	<p>Councillor Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member, Children, Young People and Families</p> <p>Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families</p>	<p>James Thomas, CEX, Childrens Trust</p> <p>Helen Price, Director, Strategy, Commissioning and Transformation,</p> <p>Adrian Weissenbruch, AD,</p>	<p>Any recommendations from the Savings Delivery Task and Finish Group are to be reported to Co-ordinating O&S Committee.</p> <p>Neill Butler, Finance Business Partner, Schools & Dgs, Finance and Governance has sent his apologies.</p>

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	exception) and other priority scrutiny activity relating to the budget.	To consider any progress on recommendations from the Budget Scrutiny T&F Group.			Children and Young People's Travel Service Paul Durrant, Finance Business Partner Lee Yale-Helms, Director, Finance & Resources, Children's Trust	
May 2024	<p>Refreshed Improving Services for Children and Families Plan</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 8 and 10.</p> <p>Governance Review: The safe and effective delivery of key services supporting vulnerable people.</p> <p>Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 2024/25 budget.</p>	<p>To comment / make recommendations on the progress of the refreshed/recalibrated improvement plan.</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A diagram of the services that will be delivered and outcomes / performance measures. Risks including the impact of corporate transformation – HR and recruitment, Oracle, and finance. 	<p>Committee meeting single item: 15 May 2024</p> <p>Presentation/Paper Deadline: 26 April 2024</p> <p>Venue: Council House, Committee Rooms 3 and 4 at 10am</p>	<p>Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families TBC</p> <p>James Thomas, CEX, Childrens Trust</p>	<p>Fayth Skeete, Head of Strategic Governance & Planning</p>	<p>The independent Chair of the Improving Services for Children and Families Board has given her apologies and will be invited to a future meeting.</p> <p>Members have previously asked for an update on the review of short breaks and a briefing paper was e-mailed to the Committee on 21 November 2023. Members may wish to reference when meeting the Children's Trust.</p>

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May	<p>Budget Challenge and Financial Recovery – Delivery of 2024/25 Savings</p> <p>CGFS Governance Review Criteria 5: Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 24/25 budget; the Emergency budget (to be identified by exception) and other priority scrutiny activity relating to the budget.</p>	<p>Each O&S Committee to review the implementation of the savings identified for 2024-25 and the impact on the City Council and residents/communities.</p> <p>To update and monitor 2023/24 Budget Savings relating to the remit of the Committee.</p> <p>To provide information on the mobilisation / implementation of the 2024/25 Budget Savings.</p> <p>To provide an update on recommendations from the Budget Scrutiny T&F Group relevant to the Committee's remit.</p>	<p>Committee meeting single item: 15 May 2024</p> <p>Presentation/Paper Deadline: 26 April 2024</p>	<p>Councillor Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member, Children, Young People and Families</p> <p>Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families</p>	<p>James Thomas, CEX, Childrens Trust</p> <p>Helen Price, Director, Strategy, Commissioning and Transformation,</p> <p>Adrian Weissenbruch, AD, Children and Young People's Travel Service</p> <p>Paul Durrant, Finance Business Partner</p> <p>Lee Yale-Helms, Director, Finance & Resources, Children's Trust</p> <p>Neill Butler, Finance Business Partner, Schools &</p>	<p>This will be specific to the remit of this Committee.</p> <p>This will be a standard agenda across all Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p>

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*Outcome: This will be populated once the item/topic has been completed. It will identify the added value and impact.

Menu of Issues for Consideration

The following items had been identified as potential topics for future consideration. This approach enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to remain flexible and respond in a timely manner to emerging issues.

This is a live work programme. New items may be added, or items removed during the course of the year. Proposed aims and objectives as well as scrutiny methodology may also be subject to change.

Item/Topic	Proposed Aims and Objectives	Proposed Scrutiny Method	Additional Information
Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership's (BSCP) Annual Report Corporate Priorities: 8 and 10 Governance Review: The safe and effective delivery of key services supporting vulnerable people. Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 2024/25 budget.	To update the Committee on the children's safeguarding arrangements in the city. For the committee to be assured of the safeguarding of children in the city. To include budget / resources information (partnership funding including Council funding).		The Committee last discussed this item on 16 th February 2022. The papers are available here and the minutes are available here .
School attendance and the draft attendance strategy			
A visit to COBS to be arranged (possibly in the new year).			
A visit for Committee to a school – Adderley Primary School.	To inform future work.		
Child Poverty.			
Regular updates on SEND.			

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Update on the next joint local area SEND inspection.			The joint local Area SEND assessment in 2021 is available here .
Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).	To provide an update on the Improvement plan to meet statutory compliance.		
Further updates on the SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2024-2030 to be programmed.			The Strategy was discussed on 28 February 2024 and the papers are available here .
UNICEF Child Friendly City.			
Post 16.		This could be a joint piece of work with the Economy & Skills OSC	
The planning for further development of the governance around school exclusions and part time timetables to be brought to a future committee meeting for comment.			
Further focused work on Elective Home Education (EHE), and part time timetables to be considered after the Child Criminal Exploitation Inquiry had finished in the new year.			
Proposed item for 2024-25 - Birmingham Children's Trust.			
Proposed item for 2024-25 - Children and Young People's Travel Service – after the public consultation officers to be invited to discuss any amendments to the policy and impact of the budget savings			
Proposed item for 2024/25 - The savings and impact of the review of the careers 16 – 19, youth service and NEET			

Scrutiny Method Options: Committee meeting - single item, Committee meeting - single theme, Committee meeting – standing item, Task and Finish Group (outline number of meetings), On location, Other - (describe).

Corporate Priorities, Performance and Outcomes

Corporate Priorities 2022 – 26:

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| 1 Support inclusive economic growth | 11 Increase affordable, safe, green housing |
| 2 Tackle unemployment | 12 Tackle homelessness |
| 3 Attract inward investment and infrastructure | 13 Tackle health inequalities |
| 4 Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games | 14 Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living |
| 5 Tackle poverty and inequalities | 15 Champion mental health |
| 6 Empower citizens and enable citizen voice | 16 Improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people |
| 7 Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture | 17 Improve street cleanliness |
| 8 Support and enable all children and young people to thrive | 18 Improve air quality |
| 9 Make the city safer | 19 Continue on the Route to Zero |
| 10 Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens | 20 Be a City of Nature |
| | 21 Delivering a Bold Best in Class Council |

Information on the Corporate Priorities, Performance and City Outcomes was reported to the Education and Children's Social Care OSC in June 23:
[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com/Document.ashx)