



**Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham,
Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Resources**

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	19 April 2024
Subject:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Summary:

This item enables the Committee to consider and comment on the content of its work programme to ensure that its scrutiny activity is focused where it can be of greatest benefit. The Committee is encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the work programme.

- Actions Required:**
- (1) To review and agree the Committee's work programme as set out in this report.
 - (2) To highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be considered for inclusion in the work programme.

1. Background

Current Items

For reference, the Committee's items for this meeting are set out below: -

19 April 2024			
	Item	Contributor	Purpose
1.	Re-commissioning of the Lincolnshire Leaving Care Service	Bridie Fletcher, Senior Commissioning Officer – Children's Strategic Commissioning Amy Allcock, Commissioning Manager - Commercial	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor decision between 24 April – 3 May 2024)

19 April 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
2.	Children and Young People's Mental Health Transformation Programme	Kevin Johnson, Commissioning Manager - Children's Mental Health, LD and Autism Charlotte Gray, Head of Service – Children's Strategic Commissioning	Policy Review
3.	Families First for Children Pathfinder Programme	Andy Cook, Head of Service - Families First for Children Pathfinder	Policy Development

Planned Items

The Committee's planned items are listed below:

14 June 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
1.	Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services - Improvement Plan	Andrew Morris, Head of Service - Leaving Care, Semi-Independent Living and Unaccompanied Children	Inspection Outcome
2.	Children in Care Transformation Programme Update	Matt Clayton, Interim Head of Capital Reform and Education Sufficiency Tracey Robinson, Programme Manager – Sector Led Improvement & Children in Care Transformation Tara Jones, Assistant Director – Children's Safeguarding	Policy Review

14 June 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
3.	New Lincolnshire Secure Children's Home build – Main Works Contract (EXEMPT)	Matt Clayton, Interim Head of Capital Reform and Education Sufficiency Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development Dave Clarke, Service Lead - Secure Estate Rachel Freeman, Head of Service Children in Care and Residential Estates	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive decision on 2 July 2024)
4.	Gosberton House Academy - New Block Extension and External Works as part of the SEND Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy (EXEMPT)	Eileen McMorrow, Programme Manager SEND Strategy Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Leader Decision between 24-28 June 2024)
5.	Primary School Mobile Replacement Scheme (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development Neal Kathel, Project Team Leader, Corporate Property	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Leader decision between 24-28 June 2024)

19 July 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
1.	Youth Justice Plan	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help Tracey Evans, Head of Service – Future4Me	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Council decision on 13 September 2024)
2.	Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) Annual Report	Nicky Myers, Interim Head of Service Early Years and Childcare Support	Policy Review
3.	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Success Framework 2023-24 Quarter 4	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	Performance Scrutiny

19 July 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
4.	Minerva House project – remodelling to provide accommodation for Children’s Services (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development Wendy Lanes, Project Manager - Corporate Property	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Leader Decision between 24-31 July 2024)

6 September 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
1.	Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) Annual Report 2023	Chris Cook, Chair of LSCP Stacey Waller, LSCP Manager	Yearly Update
2.	Childcare Sufficiency in Lincolnshire	Nicky Myers, Interim Head of Service Early Years and Childcare Support Geraldine O'Neill, Sustainability and Development Manager	Policy Review
3.	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Success Framework 2024-25 Quarter 1	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	Performance Scrutiny

18 October 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
1.	Young Carers Scrutiny Review – Final Report and Recommendations from Scrutiny Panel A	Cllr Phil Dilks, Chairman of Scrutiny Panel A Tracy Johnson, Senior Scrutiny Officer Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director - Early Help	Scrutiny Review Activity
2.	Update on the Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy	Eileen McMorrow, Programme Manager SEND Strategy Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	Policy Review (Yearly Update)

18 October 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
3.	Children's Services Annual Statutory Complaints Report 2023-24	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director - Early Help	Performance Scrutiny

6 December 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
1.	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Success Framework 2024-25 Quarter 2	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	Performance Scrutiny

17 January 2025			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
1.	Children’s Services Budget Proposals 2025/26	Heather Sandy, Executive Director – Children’s Services Mark Popplewell, Strategic Finance Lead – Children’s Services	Budget Scrutiny / Pre-Decision Scrutiny
2.	Attendance in Schools, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education Annual Report 2023/24	Jill Chandar-Nair, Inclusion and Attendance Manager	Annual Report

7 March 2025			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
1.	Lincolnshire School Performance 2023 - 24	Matt Spoons, Head of Service - School Standards Nicky Myers, Interim Head of Service Early Years and Childcare Support Viki Thomas, Principal Adviser Early Education	Performance Scrutiny

7 March 2025			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
2.	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Success Framework 2024-25 Quarter 3	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	Performance Scrutiny

2. Conclusion

The Committee is invited to review, consider and comment on the work programme as set out above and highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme. A list of all upcoming Forward Plan decisions relating to the Committee is also attached at Appendix A.

3. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Forward Plan of Decisions relating to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

4. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

This report was written by Tracy Johnson, Senior Scrutiny Officer, who can be contacted on 07552 253814 or by e-mail at tracy.johnson@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

FORWARD PLAN OF DECISIONS RELATING TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM 02 APRIL 2024

DEC REF	MATTERS FOR DECISION	REPORT STATUS	DECISION MAKER AND DATE OF DECISION	PEOPLE/GROUPS CONSULTED PRIOR TO DECISION	DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED	OFFICER(S) FROM WHOM FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED AND REPRESENTATIONS MADE (All officers are based at County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL unless otherwise stated)	DIVISIONS AFFECTED
I030828	Lincolnshire Leaving Care Service from April 2025	Open	Executive Councillor: Children's Services, Community Safety, Procurement and Migration Between 24 April 2024 and 3 May 2024	Representatives from Children's Services teams (social care and IROs); care leavers and other stakeholders involved in services for care leavers; Children's Services DLT	Reports	Senior Commissioning Officer E-mail: Bridie.fletcher@lincolnshire.gov.uk	All Divisions
I028654	Gosberton House Academy - New Block Extension and External Works as part of the SEND Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy	Exempt	Leader of the Council (Executive Councillor: Resources, Communications and Commissioning) Between 24 June 2024 and 28 June 2024	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Reports	Head of Property Development E-mail: dave.pennington@lincolnshire.gov.uk	
I030411	Primary School Mobile Replacement Scheme	Exempt	Leader of the Council (Executive Councillor: Resources, Communications and Commissioning) Between 24 June 2024 and 28 June 2024	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Reports	Head of Property Development E-mail: dave.pennington@lincolnshire.gov.uk	All Divisions

I032116	New Lincolnshire Secure Children's Home Build - Main Works Contract	Exempt	Executive 2 Jul 2024	Directorate Leadership Team Corporate Leadership Team Legal Services Finance Services Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Reports	Interim Head of Capital Reform and Education Sufficiency E-mail: matthew.clayton@lincolnshire.gov.uk	Sleaford
I032178	Minerva House project – remodelling to provide accommodation for Children's Services	Exempt	Leader of the Council (Executive Councillor: Resources, Communications and Commissioning) Between 24 Jul 2024 and 31 Jul 2024	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Reports	Head of Property Development E-mail: dave.pennington@lincolnshire.gov.uk	Holbeach