



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

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	12 January 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: -

12 January 2024		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
1. Children's Services Budget Proposals 2024/25	Heather Sandy, Executive Director – Children's Services Mark Popplewell, Strategic Finance Lead – Children's Services	Budget Scrutiny / Pre-Decision Scrutiny

12 January 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
2.	Schools Funding Update 2024/25 – Mainstream Schools	Mark Popplewell, Strategic Finance Lead – Children’s Services	Budget Scrutiny / Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor decision between 1 – 7 February 2024)
3.	Early Years Funding Formula Childcare Reforms	Nicky Myers, Interim Head of Service Early Years and Childcare Support Geraldine O'Neill, Sustainability and Development Manager	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor decision between 15 – 17 January 2024)
4.	Attendance in Schools, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education Annual Report 2022/23	Jill Chandar-Nair, Inclusion and Attendance Manager	Annual Report
INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS			
5.	Progress against HMIP Inspection Recommendations – Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service	Tracey Evans, Head of Service – Future4Me and Youth Offending	Inspection Outcome
EXEMPT ITEMS			
6.	Welton William Farr (Church of England) Comprehensive School – New Sixth Form Block (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Leader decision between 22 – 26 January 2024)

Planned Items

The Committee's planned items are listed below:

08 March 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
1.	Lincolnshire School Performance 2022 - 23	Martin Smith, Assistant Director – Education Matt Spoons, Head of Service - School Standards Nicky Myers, Interim Head of Service Early Years and Childcare Support	Performance Scrutiny
2.	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Success Framework 2023-24 Quarter 3	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	Performance Scrutiny
INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS			
3.	Children's Services Annual Statutory Complaints Report 2022-23	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director - Early Help	Performance Scrutiny
EXEMPT ITEMS			
4.	Lincolnshire Secure Children's Home (LSCH) (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development Matt Clayton, Interim Head of Capital Reform and Education Sufficiency Dave Clarke, Service Lead - Secure Estate Rachel Freeman, Head of Service Children in Care and Residential Estates	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (TBC)
5.	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 18 – 22 March 2024)
6.	Primary School Mobile Replacement Scheme (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Leader decision between 18 – 22 March 2024)

19 April 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 and Young People Mental Health Transformation Programme	Charlotte Gray, Head of Service – Children's Strategic Commissioning	Policy Review
3.	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
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19 July 2024			
Item		Contributor	Purpose
1.	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Success Framework 2023-24 Quarter 4	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	Performance Scrutiny

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.	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.	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)
2.	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

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.

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FORWARD PLAN OF DECISIONS RELATING TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM 02 JANUARY 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
I030817	Early Years Funding Formula Childcare Reforms	Open	Executive Councillor: Children's Services, Community Safety, Procurement and Migration Between 15 January 2024 and 17 January 2024	DLT Exec DLT Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Reports	Interim Head of Service - Early Years E-mail: nicky.myers@lincolnshire.gov.uk	All Divisions
I030814	Schools Funding Update 2024/25 - Mainstream Schools	Open	Executive Councillor: Children's Services, Community Safety, Procurement and Migration Between 1 February 2024 and 7 February 2024	Schools' Forum Committee (January 2024) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Reports	Strategic Finance Lead - Children's Services E-mail: mark.popplewell@lincolnshire.gov.uk	All Divisions
I030410	Welton William Farr - New Sixth Form Block and Dining Remodelling	Exempt	Leader of the Council (Executive Councillor: Resources, Communications and Commissioning) Between 22 Jan 2024 and 26 Jan 2024	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Exempt Reports	Head of Property Development E-mail: dave.pennington@lincolnshire.gov.uk	Welton Rural

I030411	Primary School Mobile Replacement Scheme	Exempt	Leader of the Council (Executive Councillor: Resources, Communications and Commissioning) Between 18 Mar 2024 and 22 Mar 2024	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Exempt Reports	Head of Property Development E-mail: dave.pennington@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 18 Mar 2024 and 22 Mar 2024	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Exempt Reports	Head of Property Development E-mail: dave.pennington@lincolnshire.gov.uk	
I030828 New!	Lincolnshire Leaving Care Service from April 2025	Open	Executive Councillor: Children's Services, Community Safety, Procurement and Migration Between 3 Jun 2024 and 7 Jun 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