

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Work Plan 2024/25

18 July 2024	12 September 2024	7 November 2024
<p><u>Scrutiny Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on progress with the Autism Strategy (Paul Shallcross) • Recommendation from Council on Motion 939: Apology for the forced adoption of children of unmarried women – to consider how the Council can better signpost victims to the information and services available via Adoption West. • Kinship Caring and Special Guardianship Orders, including support available (Tammy Wheatley) <p><u>Information Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter 4 2023/24 Performance Report (Ann James) • Update on the Ambitions Plan (Ann James) <p><u>Work Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Plan Discussion – Officers to update on potential items for consideration for the upcoming year where scrutiny could add value, including pre-decision scrutiny items. 	<p><u>Scrutiny Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the digital transformation programme for Children’s Services (Mandy Quayle/ Ann James) • School Admissions, including challenging hotspots and grammar school data (Kirsten Harrison) • Update on the One Plan for Children and Young People (Ann James) • Transport Report – including an update on the EDGE Review (Jason Humm/ Kirsten Harrison) • Annual Adoption Report – including an update from the GCC’s elected representative for Adoption West (Tammy Wheatley/ Cllr Becki Hoyland) <p><u>Information Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on progress with recommendations from the SEND Inspection (Ann James) 	<p><u>Scrutiny Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Safeguarding Report, including an update on progress against the actions from the Child X LCSPR (Paul Shallcross/ Dave Jones) • Childcare Sufficiency Annual Report (Kirsten Harrison) • An update on school attendance, DfE guidance, and permanent exclusions – including GCC’s response to DfE guidance, local communication plans and evidence of good practice in schools (Philip Haslett) • Presentation from the Director of the Altus School on Alternative Provision <p><u>Information Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter 1 2024/25 Performance Report (Ann James) <p><u>Exempt Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private briefing on Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children’s Partnership local learning reviews, rapid reviews, and Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (Ann James/ Dave Jones)

16 January 2025		6 March 2025		17 July 2025 (New Council)	
<p><u>Scrutiny Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fostering Annual Report (Tammy Wheatley) Child Friendly Gloucestershire (Dame Janet Trotter) Child Safety Online – what are the issues/ concerns and how can they be addressed (Ann James) <p><u>Information Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarter 2 2024/25 Performance Report (Ann James) (tbc) 		<p><u>Scrutiny Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist Youth Provision – update from the new providers, to include an update on special provision for children with neurodiversity (Verona Crossfield/ Providers) Academisation and the impact on the Local Authority – including details on academy trusts across Gloucestershire (Kirsten Harrison) Bright Spots Survey Results (Ann James) <p><u>Information Items</u></p>		<p><u>Scrutiny Items</u></p> <p><u>Information Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarter 3 2024/25 Performance Report (Ann James) (tbc) 	
Future Items					
1	Update on Parenting Support and Programmes – to include impact outcomes	TBC	5		
2	Children on the Edge of Care	TBC	Workshops, visits and member development sessions		
3	School Improvement Plans – how secondary schools approach, create and implement them	TBC – expected outcomes of the item to be clarified	1	Transition from Children’s to Adult Services (joint with Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee)	TBC

4	Children's Services Member Communications Protocol	TBC (if required)	2		
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