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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose	Resolutions
10 October 2022	Elective Home Education	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	To scrutinise how the policy is working in supporting children and young people in receipt of Elective Home Education and how the Council is managing the increase of Elective Home Education students.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the report be noted.2. That a progress report on the current position on Elective Home Education in Nottinghamshire be presented at the September 2023 meeting of the Children and Young People's Select Committee.3. That further data from the Elective Home Education Dashboard that provides information on the current cohort of electively home educated children be circulated to members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee.4. That information on the number of electively home educated children in Years 9, 10 and 11 who have previously been excluded from school be circulated to members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee.5. That information on the uptake and outcomes of the Wellbeing for Education Return Project and the NottAlone website be circulated to members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee.

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				6. That members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee be involved in the review of the Council's Elective Home Education Policy that is scheduled to take place during 2023.
	Financial Support for the Provision of School Uniform	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	To scrutinise the Council's policy on the provision of financial support for the provision of School Uniform.	<p>1. That the report be noted.</p> <p>2. That the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in consultation with officers, gives consideration to how awareness of the Council's scheme for providing financial support for school uniform could be raised with elected members and relevant partner agencies.</p> <p>3. That members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee be involved in the review of the Council's policy on financial support for the provision of school uniform that is scheduled to take place before the start of the 2023/24 financial year.</p>

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	Response to the Ofsted Focused visit to Nottinghamshire County Council children's services	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	To receive a progress report on the activity that is taking place and is planned in response to the outcome of the Ofsted Focused visit to Nottinghamshire County Council children's services.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the report be noted.2. That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Children and Young People's Select Committee receive a progress report on the areas of practice identified in the OFSTED Focused Visit Outcome Letter as requiring improvement in six-months' time.3. That further information on the on the use number of agency staff, along with information on how agency staff are supervised within the Children and Young People's Services department be circulated to members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee.
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19 December 2022	SEND provision and sufficiency	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To scrutinise the Council's activity regarding the provision and sustainability of educational provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That it be noted that effective planning is taking place to ensure that there is sufficient specialist educational provision for children and young people in Nottinghamshire. 2. That the challenges around ensuring that there are sufficient resources available to support children and young people with Special Educational Needs to remain in mainstream settings be noted. 3. That the following issues raised by the Committee in its consideration of the report on Special Educational Needs and Disability provision be progressed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That a task and finish review on the potential locations for the provision of additional specialist educational placements be carried out by members of the Children and Families Select Committee. b) That an item on the Special Educational Needs and Disability Government Green Paper be added to the Children and Families Select Committee Work Programme. c) That a progress report on the provision and delivery of additional specialist educational placements be brought to a future meeting of the Children and Families Select Committee.

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	Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>To receive the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's Annual Report.</p> <p>To invite the Independent Scrutineer and the nominated senior officers from each of the safeguarding partners to attend the meeting.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's Annual Report 2021/22 be noted. 2. That the following issues raised by the Committee in its consideration of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's Annual Report 2021/22 be progressed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the Children and Families Select Committee continue to review the work of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership by receiving and considering its Annual Report each year. b) That a briefing note be circulated to members of the Children and Families Select Committee on the progress being made on the key priorities and actions detailed in the 2020/21 Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report. c) That members of the Children and Families Select Committee receive, as they become available, all minutes of meetings of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership that do not include confidential information. d) That information on the number of, and the number of attendees for the parenting courses delivered via the Early Help Service be circulated to members of the Children and Families Select Committee.
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				e) That the Independent Scrutineer of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's attend the June 2023 meeting of the Children and Families Select Committee to present a report on the current activities of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and on the progress being made towards its strategic priorities.
	Financial Support for the Provision of School Uniform	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>To receive a response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services on the resolution made at the October 2022 meeting</p> <p><i>"That the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in consultation with officers, gives consideration to how awareness of the Council's scheme for providing financial support for school uniform could be raised with elected members and relevant partner agencies."</i></p>	That the response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Families on how awareness of the Council's scheme for providing financial support for school uniform could be raised be received and noted.

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20 March 2023	Pupil Place Planning	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To gain assurance that the Council's activity around Pupil Place Planning for Secondary Education is able to sustainably and effectively meet the needs of families across Nottinghamshire into the future.	

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19 June 2023	Provision of support to Looked After Children transitioning out of the care system	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>To learn about the range and depth of support offered to Looked After Children by the Council as they transition out of the care system.</p> <p>To examine transition arrangements at other authorities and to learn about best practice.</p> <p>To make recommendations on how the transition arrangements could be further developed to provide the best possible outcomes to young people transitioning out of the care system.</p>	
	Child Poverty – Free School Meals	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>To examine and scrutinise how the increase of children in receipt of Free School Meals is being used to plan and inform the provision of other support for children and families.</p> <p>(To be coordinated with the work of the Place Select Committee around gaining assurance that the quality of Free School Meals is not being negatively impacted by the increased number of children in receipt of Free School Meals.)</p>	

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	Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership – Progress report on priorities	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at the December 2022 meeting that: That the Independent Scrutineer of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's attend the June 2023 meeting of the Children and Families Select Committee to present a report on the current activities of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and on the progress being made towards its strategic priorities.	
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Items pending scheduling or removal

Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Details	Status
Early Years – Affordability of Child Care	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To make recommendations on how the Council can support the provision of, and access to affordable childcare across Nottinghamshire.	To be scheduled. To agree with Chair and Vice-Chair the method used to examine the topic.
SEND Green Paper	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at the December 2022 meeting to add as an item to the Work Programme.	To be scheduled.
SEND Area Inspection	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To receive a report on the outcomes of the SEND Area Inspection.	To be scheduled.
Government response to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care in England	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To consider how the proposals align with Nottinghamshire's current transformation plans around children's social care	To be scheduled.

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Reviews and pre-decision activity

Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
Jan/Feb 2023	Recommissioning of the nationally mandated 0-19 public health service (Healthy Families Programme)	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Pre-decision scrutiny in advance of decision scheduled for March Cabinet. Issue highlighted as an area of interest at December 2022 meeting.	Joint pre-decision meeting took place on 16 February with Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee with comments included in report to Cabinet on 9 March.

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
March/April 2023	Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP's)	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>To gain an understanding of the issues and challenges surrounding EHCP's.</p> <p>To gain assurance on the activities planned and taking place to enable the Council to meet statutory targets for the assessment of requests for EHCP's.</p> <p>To examine processes at other authorities and to make recommendations on how the processes surrounding EHCP's could operate to provide the best outcomes for children, young people and their families.</p>	Scope completed. To commence after SEND area inspection. Scope may need amending in light of the inspection outcomes.

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
January 2023	All-age Carers Strategy	Cabinet Member for Children and Families Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Joint work with ASC&PH Select Committee - To provide members with the opportunity to provide pre-decision scrutiny on the proposed Carer's Strategy 2022 – 2027 in advance of Cabinet Member approval.	Pre-decision meeting took place in February with comments added to comments from ASC&PH meeting and included in report to Cabinet on 9 March.

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
TBC	Transition of service users from Children and Families Services to Adult Social Care Services Joint item with Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee	Cabinet Member for Children and Families Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health	To examine the current procedures surrounding the transition of service users from Children's to Adult Services. To make recommendations on how procedures could be developed to ensure the best possible transition for each service user.	

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
TBC	Child Poverty – Early years and school readiness	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To investigate how children starting school are “school ready” and to make recommendations on how the number of children starting school as school ready could be maximised.	

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TBC	Elective Home Education	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at the October 2022 meeting: That members of the Children and Families Select Committee be involved in the review of the Council's Elective Home Education Policy that is scheduled to take place during 2023.	

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TBC	Financial support for the provision of school uniform.	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at the October 2022 meeting: That members of the Children and Families Select Committee be involved in the review of the Council's policy on financial support for the provision of school uniform that is scheduled to take place before the start of the 2023/24 financial year.	

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
TBC	Provision of additional specialist educational placements	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at the December 2022 meeting: That a task and finish review on the potential locations for the provision of additional specialist educational placements be carried out by members of the Children and Families Select Committee.	

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March 2023	Recommissioning of the Integrated Sexual Health Service	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Pre-decision scrutiny in advance of the Cabinet Member decision scheduled for April.	Joint pre-decision meeting to be scheduled early March with Children and Families Select Committee.

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TBC	Sufficiency strategy for children in care	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Pre-decision scrutiny in advance of the Cabinet Member decision.	Pre-decision meeting to be scheduled.

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Items to be scheduled during 2023/24

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Elective Home Education	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at October 2022 meeting: That a progress report on the current position on Elective Home Education in Nottinghamshire be presented at the September 2023 meeting of the Children and Young People's Select Committee.	To be scheduled for September 2023 meeting
SEND provision and sufficiency	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at the December 2022 meeting: That a progress report on the provision and delivery of additional specialist educational placements be brought to a future meeting of the Children and Families Select Committee.	To be scheduled during 2023/24
Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Annual item	To be scheduled for December 2023 meeting
All-age Carers Strategy	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Pre-decision scrutiny carried out February in advance of being considered by Cabinet in March 2023. To review progress after strategy has been in place for one year.	To be scheduled for March 2024 meeting. Joint item with ASC&PH.