

WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23 – CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SELECT COMMITTEE: UPDATED: 10 October 2022

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose/Outcomes	Recommendations
10 October 2022	Elective Home Education	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services	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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				<p>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.</p>
	<p>Financial Support for the Provision of School Uniform</p>	<p>Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services</p>	<p>To scrutinise the Council's policy on the provision of financial support for the provision of School Uniform.</p>	<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 – Children and Young People's Services	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 – Children and Young People's Services	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.	
	Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services	<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>	
	Financial Support for the Provision of School Uniform	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services	To receive a response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services on the resolution made at the October 2022 meeting <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>	

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20 March 2023	Pupil Place Planning	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services	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.	
	Development of a Local Authority Multi-Academy Trust	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services	To provide members with the opportunity to feed into the development the Local Authority Multi-Academy Trust (dependent on the success of the bid to the Department for Education).	

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19 June 2023	Provision of support to Looked After Children transitioning out of the care system	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services	<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 – Children and Young People's Services	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.	

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Items pending scheduling or removal

Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Details	Status
Early Years – Affordability of Child Care	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People’s Services	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.
Fostering and adoption services	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People’s Services	To scrutinise the Council’s activity regarding the provision and sustainability of fostering and adoption services.	To be scheduled.

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Reviews

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December 2022	Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP's)	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services	<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>	

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TBC	<p>Transition of service users from Children and Young People's Services to Adult Social Care Services</p> <p>Joint item with Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee</p>	<p>Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services</p> <p>Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Public Health</p>	<p>To examine the current procedures surrounding the transition of service users from Children's to Adult Services.</p> <p>To make recommendations on how procedures could be developed to ensure the best possible transition for each service user.</p>	

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TBC	Child Poverty – Early years and school readiness	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People’s Services	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 – Children and Young People's Services	Resolved at the October 2022 meeting: 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.	

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TBC	Financial support for the provision of school uniform.	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services	Resolved at the October 2022 meeting: 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.	

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Items to be scheduled during 2023/24

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Elective Home Education	Cabinet Member – Children and Young People's Services	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