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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose	Resolutions
16 October 2023	Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) – Progress Report on Priorities and Annual Report 2022/23	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>Resolved at the December 2022 meeting:</p> <p>That the Independent Scrutineer of the NSCP attends the June 2023 meeting of the Committee to present a report on the current activities of the NSCP and on the progress being made towards its strategic priorities.</p> <p>To receive the NSCP Annual Report.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's 2022/23 Annual Report be noted. 2) That the following issues raised by the Committee in its consideration of the Annual Report 2022/23 be progressed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) that the latest report on the on the work being carried out across Nottinghamshire in relation to child exploitation be circulated to the members of the Children and Families Select Committee. b) that the review of safeguarding practice in response to events at Harlow Academy be circulated to the members of the Children and Families Select Committee. 3) That the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's 2023/24 Annual Report be received at the October 2024 meeting of the Children and Families Select Committee.

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	<p>Outcomes and Experiences of Children and Young People with SEND</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>To receive a report on the progress made in implementing improvements to the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND, informed by the priority areas for action and areas for improvement identified during the Ofsted/Care Quality Commission local area review in Jan/Feb 2023, and to incorporate within this report the new requirements arising from the Government response to the SEND Green Paper – the SEND and Alternative Improvement Plan.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the report be noted. 2) That a further progress report on the implementation of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Alternative Provision be received at the January 2024 meeting of the Children and Families Select Committee. 3) That the following issues raised by the Committee in its consideration of the report on Partnership progress in improving the experiences and outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities be progressed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) that further information on the types of needs of children and young people with SEND and/or an EHCP across Nottinghamshire be circulated to the members of the Children and Families Select Committee. b) that information detailing the number of EHCP applications made and the number of EHCPs in place across each of districts and boroughs of Nottinghamshire be circulated to the members of the Children and Families Select Committee. c) that the summary documents that detail the activity carried out at previous Nottinghamshire SEND partnership improvement board meetings be circulated to the members of the Children and Families Select Committee.
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				d) that the members of the Children and Families Select Committee receive the summary document that is created detailing the activity of future Nottinghamshire SEND partnership improvement board meetings as soon as they are available.
	Pupil Place Planning	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To receive the response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Families to the resolution made at the March 2023 meeting: That the Cabinet Member, in consultation with officers, gives consideration to how local elected members can be most effectively communicated with and involved with the activity that takes place with academy trusts regarding the pupil place planning.	That the response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Families be noted.
	Outcomes of the Review of Education, Health and Care Plans		To consider the outcomes of the task and finish review of Education, Health and Care Plans.	That the recommendations of the scrutiny task and finish review of Education, Health and Care Plans be endorsed and referred to Cabinet for consideration.
	Elective Home Education/Secondary school place planning review scopes		To approve the scopes for a task and finish review on the revised Elective Home Education Policy and Secondary School Pupil Place Planning	That the proposed scopes for task and finish reviews regarding Elective Home Education and Secondary School Pupil Place Planning be approved.

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15 January 2024	Provision of Support to Looked After Children Transitioning Out of the Care System	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>To receive the response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Families to the resolution made at the June 2023 meeting:</p> <p>That the Cabinet Member, in consultation with officers, gives further consideration on how more young people could be encouraged to remain in the care of their foster carer post-18, and to the activity that would also be required to ensure that a sufficient number of foster family placements are also maintained and are available for children and young people who are under 18.</p> <p>Also to cover, as detailed in the resolution at the June meeting.</p> <p>That further information be circulated to members of the Committee on the work being carried out with both residential homes and foster carers to support them in ensuring that the children in their care are not potentially criminalised though being referred to the Police unnecessarily in relation to their behaviour.</p>	

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15 January 2024	Early Years – Provision of Childcare	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To make recommendations on how the Council can support the provision of, and access to, affordable and accessible childcare across Nottinghamshire.	
	Performance, Finance and Risk Update	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>To provide a progress report on departmental performance, risk and financial position.</p> <p>To agree how the Committee would like to receive and monitor this information in the future.</p>	
	Outcomes and Experiences of Children and Young People with SEND – Progress Report	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To receive a report on the progress made in implementing improvements to the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND, informed by the priority areas for action and areas for improvement identified during the Ofsted/Care Quality Commission local area review in Jan/Feb 2023.	

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<p>15 January 2024</p>	<p>Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) – Annual Report</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>To receive the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) – Annual Report</p>	
	<p>Elective Home Education</p>		<p>To consider the outcomes of the task and finish review of the refreshed Elective Home Education Policy</p>	

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15 April 2024	Sufficiency Strategy for Looked After Children and Care Leavers	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To examine activity in the delivering of the strategy. Also to consider the Children's Transformation sub-regional approach to fostering.	
	Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at the June 2023 meeting: That a report on the delivery of HAF be brought to a future meeting of the Committee, with a focus and at a date to be agreed by the Chairman.	
	Pupil Place Planning		To consider the outcomes of the task and finish review of how the Children and Families and Place departments can best work together on projects being implemented to deliver additional school places.	
	Outcomes and Experiences of Children and Young People with SEND – Progress Report	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To receive a report on the progress made in implementing improvements to the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND, informed by the priority areas for action and areas for improvement identified during the Ofsted/Care Quality Commission local area review in Jan/Feb 2023.	

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15 July 2024	Youth Justice Plan	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To examine the implementation of the strategy.	
	SEND Provision and Sufficiency	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>Resolved at the December 2022 meeting:</p> <p>That a progress report on the provision and delivery of additional specialist educational placements be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.</p>	
	Outcomes and Experiences of Children and Young People with SEND – Progress Report	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To receive a report on the progress made in implementing improvements to the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND, informed by the priority areas for action and areas for improvement identified during the Ofsted/Care Quality Commission local area review in Jan/Feb 2023.	

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Items pending scheduling or removal

Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Details	Status
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 considered for scheduling
Small Schools Sustainability Strategy	Cabinet Member for Children and Families		To be considered for scheduling
All-Age Carers Strategy	Cabinet Member for Children and Families Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health	To review progress after the strategy has been in place for one year.	Joint item with the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee
Children's Transformation - Front Door/Family Hubs	Cabinet Member for Children and Families		To be considered for scheduling
Local Authority Approach to Youth Provision in Nottinghamshire	Cabinet Member for Children and Families		To be considered for scheduling

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Reviews

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May 2023	Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>To gain an understanding of the issues and challenges surrounding EHCPs.</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 EHCPs.</p> <p>To examine processes at other authorities and to make recommendations on how the processes surrounding EHCPs could operate to provide the best outcomes for children, young people and their families.</p>	COMPLETED – Recommendations approved at October 2023 meeting. To be considered by Cabinet.

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
September 2023	Elective Home Education	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at the October 2022 meeting: That members of the Committee be involved in the review of the Council's Elective Home Education Policy that is scheduled to take place during 2023.	Scope to be considered at October 2023 meeting.

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
November 2023	Pupil Place Planning	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Resolved at March 2023 meeting: That members of the Committee carry out a task and finish review on how the Children and Families and Place departments can best work together on projects being implemented to deliver additional school places.	Scope to be developed. Review to start at the completion of the review of the Elective Home Education Policy.

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TBC	<p>Transition of Service Users from Children and Families Services to Adult Social Care Services</p> <p>(Joint item with the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p> <p>Cabinet Member for 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>	Pending

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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 Committee.	Pending

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Items for information briefings for Committee members

Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Details	Status
Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) – Ofsted Self-Evaluation	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	ILACS focuses on the local authority functions regarding the help, care and protection of children and young people.	To be circulated twice-yearly

Items to be scheduled during 2024/25

Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Details	Status
Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) – Progress Report on Priorities and Annual Report 2022/23	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Annual item	To be scheduled for October 2024 meeting
Education, Health and Care Plans	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	To receive a progress report on the recommendations of the review of Education, Health and Care Plans.	To be scheduled.

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