

WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26 – CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of the report	Issue raised by	Our Council Plan Ambitions
13 October 2025	Outcomes and Experiences of Children and Young People with SEND – Progress Report	Education and SEND	To receive a report on the progress made in implementing improvements to the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND.	Work Programming session	No child left behind
13 October 2025	Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) – Progress Report on Priorities and Annual Report 2024/25	Children and Families	To receive and consider the NSCP Annual Report.	Annual item	The best start in life, Safe and supported
13 October 2025	Performance, Finance and Risk Update	Children and Families Education and SEND	To provide a progress report on departmental performance, risk and financial position.	Committee meeting	The best start in life, Safe and supported, No child left behind, A place to call home
1 December 2025	Youth Justice Strategic Plan	Children and Families	To examine the delivery of the Youth Justice Strategic Plan.	Work Programming session	Resilient communities
1 December 2025	School attendance and young people not in education, employment or training	Children and Families Education and SEND	To examine the issues around school attendance, persistent absence and the activity being carried out to support young people to access and engage in post-16 education and training.	Work Programming session	The best start in life

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1 December 2025	Implementation and impact of Family Hubs	Children and Families	To examine the implementation and impact of the roll out of Family Hub networks across Nottinghamshire.	Work Programming session	The best start in life
16 March 2026	Outcomes and Experiences of Children and Young People with SEND – Progress Report	Education and SEND	To receive a report on the progress made in implementing improvements to the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND. To include a detailed look at how SEND children and young people are supported in mainstream schools.	Work Programming session	No child left behind
16 March 2026	Performance, Finance and Risk Update	Children and Families Education and SEND	To provide a progress report on departmental performance, risk and financial position	Committee meeting	The best start in life, Safe and supported, No child left behind, A place to call home
16 March 2026	Families First Partnership Programme and Children’s Social Care Reform	Children and Families	To examine the impact and implications of the Families First Partnership Programme and Children’s Social Care Reform on how Children and Families Services are delivered.	Work Programming session	The best start in life, Safe and supported, No child left behind, A place to call home
13 July 2026	Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)	Children and Families Education and SEND	To examine the work being carried out on how services delivered by the Children and Families Department will be delivered as a result of Local Government Reorganisation.	Work Programming session	The best start in life, Safe and supported, No child left behind, A place to call home

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13 July 2026	Child Exploitation Support	Children and Families	To examine the Council's approach to tackling child exploitation.	Work Programming session	Safe and supported
13 July 2026	Small Schools Sustainability Strategy	Education and SEND	To examine the implementation and impact of the Small Schools Sustainability Strategy.	Work Programming session	The best start in life
13 July 2026	Fostering recruitment and retention	Children and Families	To receive a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations from the task and finish review carried out in Spring 2025	Committee	A place to call home, Celebrating our carers

Reviews

Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Issue raised by	Our Council Plan Ambitions
January 2026	Kinship Care	Children and Families	To examine how the Council can best support kinship carers.	Work Programming session	A place to call home, Celebrating our carers
February 2026	Transition of Service Users from Children and Families Services to Adult Social Care Services (Joint item with the Adult Social Care & Health SC)	Children and Families Education and SEND	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.	Work Programming session	No child left behind, Safe and supported

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Items pending scheduling or removal

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Meeting children's needs through the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub	Children and Families	To receive a progress report on the approach to meeting children's needs through the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub.	Committee	Safe and supported
Children and Families Workforce development	Children and Families Education and SEND	To receive a report on Children and Families Workforce development.	Department	The best start in life, Safe and supported, No child left behind, A place to call home

Items to be scheduled for 2026/27

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School Readiness	Children and Families Education and SEND	<p>To receive a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations from the joint task and finish review that was carried out in conjunction with the Health Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Resolved on 1 December 2025 “That a report on the work being carried out to meet Government targets around the number of children in Nottinghamshire who are school ready be considered for inclusion in the committee’s 2026/27 Work Programme.”</p>	<p>Work Programming session</p> <p>Committee</p>	The best start in life

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Items for information briefings for committee members

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SEND - Neurodevelopmental pathways and the Graduated approach	Education and SEND	To provide briefing papers on the Neurodevelopmental pathway and the graduated approach used to support children and young people with SEND.	Work Programming session	No child left behind
SEND – ICB clusters	Education and SEND	To provide a briefing on the implementation of ICB clusters in relation to the SEND Partnership.	Department	No child left behind
SACRE Annual Reports	Education and SEND	To share the SACRE Annual Report with committee members.	Work Programming session	No child left behind
Secondary Pupil Place Planning	Education and SEND	To receive a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations from the task and finish review carried out in 2024.	Committee	The best start in life

*Items in bold have been completed