

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2021/22

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School Admissions (Standing Item)	Ofsted Action Plan - Progress
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Work Programme Discussion	
October 6th 2021	November 1st 2021
CFS Ofsted Inspection Report (Following focused visit 7/21)	School Estates Strategy (Pre-decision)
HMI Probation Inspection - Youth Justice (Following group inspection 7/21)	Early Help Review (Pre-decision)
Adolescents Entering Care (Scoping Report)	Early Years Strategy - Reconfiguration of Children' Centres - Parents Voice
Early Years Strategy - Reconfiguration of Children' Centres consultation	
December 6th 2021	January 19th 2022
Cllr Woodley Q & A - topics to be agreed (Mid October) (Standing Item)	CHSCP - Annual Report - Outcomes of SCRs and Adultification
Budget Monitoring HES (Standing Item)	Unregistered Educational Settings - Update
Outcome from school exclusions - Final report of the Commission	Sexual harassment in schools
Adolescents Entering Care (TBC)	
February 28th 2022	March 2022
Addressing inequalities HFS/HES	Attainment gap - School Improvement Partners
CFS Annual Report (Standing Item) (TBC)	Parental Involvement in education - worker project
	Cllr Bramble Q & A - topics tba (Mid January (Standing Item) (TBC)

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Meeting 1	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: 14th June 2021</p> <p>Deadline for reports: 1/6/21</p> <p>Publication 4/6/21</p>	<p>School Admissions – to review sufficiency of primary and secondary school places ahead of September 2021 school entry. (Standing item within the work programme)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Lavelle, Head of Admissions and Pupil Benefits, HLT • Annie Gammon, Director of Education and Head of HLT 	
	<p>It is a statutory requirement for members to review the sufficiency of childcare in their local authority area and a report is produced every two years. The Commission to review an update for this year 2021 in light of the impact of Covid 19. (Standing item within the work programme)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Thomas, Head of Early Years, Early Help & Well-being • Tim Wooldridge, Early Years Strategy Manager • Annie Gammon, Director of Education and Head of HLT 	
	<p>Pupil Attainment: Annual Review of performance of educational attainment in Hackney. Usual scrutiny is not possible due to the impact of Covid and school closures and use of school assessments instead of exams. Update and overview.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Hall, Head of School Improvement • Annie Gammon, Director of Education and Head of HLT 	
	<p>Development of new CYP Work Programme for 2021/22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission/ Scrutiny officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consult local stakeholders • Meet with service Directors • Collate topic suggestions

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Meeting 2	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: Monday 12th July</p> <p>Papers deadline: 29/6/21</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 2/7/21</p>	<p>Ofsted Inspection Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to receive and update on progress to meet the recommendations from Ofsted. - To note changes to the Hackney Unit model of Social Work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diane Benjamin, Director of Children’s Social Care ● Annie Coyle, Interim Director of Children's Social Care 	
	<p>Commissioning Independent SEND Provision to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the commissioning framework for independent SEND provision; - Quality monitoring and outcomes; - Arrangements for financial and contract monitoring. Commissioned; - Costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fran Cox, Head of High Needs and School Place ● Joe Wilson, Head of SEND ● Wendy Edwards, SEND Contracts Consultant ● Annie Gammon, Director of Education 	
	<p>CFS Budget Monitoring: review of CFS budget for year end to March 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Naeem Ahmed, Director of Finance Children, Education, Adults, Health & Integration ● Diane Benjamin, Director of Children’s Social Care 	
	<p>CYP Work Programme 2021/22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer / Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Details of all topic suggestions circulated to members and published in the agenda. ● Arrange meetings with senior officers to scope out work items.

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Meeting 3	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: October 6th 2021</p> <p>Papers deadline: 12.00 27/9/21</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 28/9/21</p>	<p><u>Outcome of Ofsted Focused Visit July 2021).</u> To review the outcome and service response to the Ofsted focused visit of services for Children in Need Children on a Child Protection Plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jacquie Burke, Group Director for Education & Children’s Services ● Diane Benjamin, Director of Children’s Social Care 	<p>- Publication of report timing in preparation for the meeting - expected 7th September 2021.</p>
	<p><u>Outcome of HMI Probation Inspection of Youth Justice Services</u> To review the outcome and service response to the HMI Probation Inspection visit in July 2021. Service update to be considered alongside.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pauline Adams, Principal Head of Service, Early Help and Prevention ● Brendan Finnegan, Service Manager Youth Justice ● Diane Benjamin, Director of Children’s Social Care 	<p>- Publication of report timing in preparation for the meeting.</p>
	<p><u>Early Years Strategy</u> (and reconfiguration of Children’s Centres). The Early Years Strategy was confirmed at Cabinet in September 2021 and Hackney Education is now consulting on the planned reconfiguration of Children's Centres (to mid Nov 2021).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annie Gammon, Director of Education ● Donna Thomas, Head of Early Years, Early Help & Well-being 	
	<p>CYP Work Programme 2021/22: updated version from July 2021.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scrutiny Officer / Commission 	

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Meeting 4	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Officers
Meeting Date: November 1st 2021	<p><u>Early Years Strategy & Reconfiguration of children’s centres:</u> To hear from parents and carers of children impacted by the proposed closure of two children’s (Fernbank/Hillside) to contribute to the Commission's formal response to the consultation on the Early Years Strategy.</p>	
Papers deadline: 19th October 2021	<p><u>School Estates Strategy:</u> a review of how the Council will manage its maintained education estate in relation to projected falling pupil rolls and increased demand for in-borough SEND provision.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for the CYP Scrutiny Commission to contribute to this review before its finalisation by the Executive (December 2021) in relation to principles for reform, prospective impact on services and for young people and their families and service budgets.</p> <p>As part of this scrutiny exercise it would be useful to understand the demographic of children with SEND who are currently supported in mainstream educational settings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annie Gammon, Director of Education ● Fran Cox, Head of High Needs & School Places ● Joe Wilson, Head of SEND
Agenda dispatch: 22nd October 2021	<p><u>Early Help Strategy:</u> a review of the Council’s early help offer which has incorporated Family Support, Targeted Support, Young Hackney and Children’s Centres.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for the CYP Scrutiny Commission to contribute to this review before its finalisation by the Executive (January 2022) in relation to principles for reform, prospective impact on services and for young people and their families and service budgets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jacquie Burke, Group Director for Education and Children’s Services
	CYP Work Programme 2021/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scrutiny Officer

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Meeting 5	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: 6th December 2021</p> <p>Papers deadline: 23rd November 2021</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 26th November 2021</p>	<p><u>Hackney Education Service Budget Monitoring:</u> To review in-year spending within the Directorate. (Standing item)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naeem Ahmed, Director of Finance Children, Education, Adults, Health & Integration • Annie Gammon, Director of Education 	
	<p><u>Cabinet Q & A:</u> Cllr Caroline Woodley Annual Question Time for the Cabinet member for Families, early years, parks and play. (Standing item)</p> <p>Focus is on SEMH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Caroline Woodley, Cabinet member for Families, Early Years, Parks and Play. 	Topics to be scrutinised to be agreed 6 weeks in advance of the meeting in consultation with CYP SC (25th October 2021)
	<p><u>School Exclusions Final Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To agree and confirm recommendations of the Commission's investigation; - To agree on follow up monitoring arrangements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission 	
	<p><u>Adolescents Entering Care:</u> to discuss and agree the Scoping Report for the Commission's planned review for 2021/22.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview & Scrutiny Officer/ Members of the Commission 	
	<p>CYP Work Programme 2021/22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scrutiny Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To review and monitor progress.

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Meeting 6	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
	Safeguarding themed session		
Meeting Date: 19th January 2022	<u>Sexual Harassment in Schools</u> : to receive a report on the nature and level of sexual harassment recorded in local schools and the support provided to young people affected and those efforts to prevent this in the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annie Gammon, Director of Education • City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership • Local Head Teachers - tbc 	
Papers deadline: 7th January 2022	<u>Unregistered Educational Settings</u> : a brief update from Hackney Education Service and City & Hackney Safeguarding Partnership on previous recommendations of the Commission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Gamble, The Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner • Rory McAllum, Senior Professional Leader, CHSCP • Annie Gammon, Director of Education • Chris Roberts, Head of Wellbeing & Education Safeguarding 	
Agenda dispatch: 11th January 2022	City & Hackney Safeguarding Children ANnual Report: With a focused discussion on how to address adultification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Gamble, The Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner • Rory McAllum, Senior Professional Leader, CHSCP 	Meeting with CHSCP to agree scope and focus of this item
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Meeting 7	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: 28th February 2022</p> <p>Papers deadline: 15th February 2022</p>	<p><u>Addressing Racial Inequalities across Children's Services</u> Hackney Education Service and Children & Families Service to provide an update on work to address racial inequalities and disproportionality in both policy and practice across both Directorates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anti-racist Action Plans - Audits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care • Annie Gammon, Director of Education • Jacquie Burke, Group Director Education and Children's Services 	<p>Further clarify focus and reporting requirements with Directors by December 2021</p>
<p>Agenda dispatch: 18th February 2022</p>	<p><u>Children and Families Services Annual Report.</u> To report on the full outturn of children's social care activity for the year end March 2021 (Standing item)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacquie Burke, Group Director for Education and Children's Services • Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care 	
	<p>CYP Work Programme 2021/22</p>	<p>Scrutiny Officer</p>	

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Meeting 8	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
Meeting Date: 21st March 2022	<u>Parental involvement in education</u> : Hackney Education to report on the project to enable parents to be more involved with local schools, colleges and their children's education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annie Gammon, Director of Education Project Worker (TBC) 	
Papers deadline: 8th March 2022	<u>School Improvement Partners</u> : the role of school improvement partners in improving quality provision and closing the attainment gap between pupils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annie Gammon, Director of Education School Improvement Partners 	<i>Meet school improvement partners ahead of the meeting</i>
Agenda dispatch: 11th March 2022	<u>Cabinet Q & A: (TBC)</u> Cllr Anntionette Bramble, Annual Question Time for the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet member for education, young people and children's social care. (Standing item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Anntionette Bramble 	Topics to be scrutinised to be agreed 6 weeks in advance of the meeting in consultation with CYP SC (7th February 2022)
	Work Programme Review 2021/22; members to feedback on scrutiny work programme for the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Commission 	
	CYP Work Programme 2021/22	Scrutiny Officer	To review and monitor progress

Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission (jointly with CYP Scrutiny)

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Meeting A	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
Meeting date: <u>October 11th 2021</u>	Disparities in Maternal Mental Health Outcomes: session to explore the current position in relation to maternal emotional mental health screening, disparities in diagnosis and treatment and the possible problems created downstream when this issue is not adequately addressed early on. (60 mins)	a) Context and background briefing paper - Amy Wilkinson (Workstream Director - Public Health) b) Overview of existing provision (ideally in briefing paper) - Ellie Duncan (CYP&M Workstream in Integrated Commissioning CCG-LBH-Col) - Health Visitors Service - ELFT Perinatal Service - HUHFT maternity services? - Family Nurse Partnership (antenatal support for under 25s) - Maternity Voices Partnership (replacement for Maternity Services Liaison Cttee?) including BME subgroup and Charedi subgroup Who else?? c) Clinical overview - Clinical Psychiatrist from ELFT Perinatal Service (name TBC) d) Service user/support group lead - Representative from the BME Sub Group of the Maternity Voices Partnership (name TBC) to provide a service user input. e) Q&A led by the Councillors	

With Skills, Economy & Growth Scrutiny Commission (jointly with CYP Scrutiny)

Meeting B	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
Skills, Economy & Growth Commission meeting date:	Priorities, policies and approach to developing cleaner and greener	As part of the session the SEG Commission will aim to hear from CYP about their views of cleaner and greener transport.	

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<u>December 15th 2021</u>	transport for Hackney for 2022 and beyond.	The Commission to work with HYP to facilitate engagement with young people and conduct other focus groups where necessary.	
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Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission (jointly with CYP Scrutiny)

Meeting C	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
Living in Hackney Meeting Date: <u>24th February 2021</u>	Housing support for young people leaving care. What are the housing options for young people leaving (or about to leave) care and seeking accommodation in Hackney and elsewhere? What is the council doing to increase housing supply and options for this vulnerable group of young people?	Local Policy & Practice: Corporate Parenting Team, Housing Supply (and Needs) Housing Needs of Young People: Hold focus group with Leaving Care group - Children's Social Care Council (Hackney Tomorrow) Specialist/ legal input: what are the duties and obligations of LA in supporting housing needs of young people leaving care (in and out of borough) Comparative assessments: other Local Authorities in respect of Corporate Parenting offer / housing supply for care leavers.	Scoping this item: Meeting with Housing Needs and Corporate Parenting (completed) Meeting with Housing supply Prepare brief and agree with Chairs and Officers.

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Long list of scrutiny issues from suggestions (to be added if space develops in the programme or added to next year)	
Supporting children in temporary accommodation, particularly those placed outside the borough. Is there any impact on the consistency or coordination of education, care or support available to such children? What disproportionalities are there in this cohort and how does this impact/ drive delivery?	
Contextual Safeguarding - implementation and embedding of this across the council and partner agencies.	Possible incorporation with review of adolescents in care
Young Futures Commission: implementation of YFC recommendations? The YFC is currently being reconfigured and an update on progress/ plans.	
Integrated Commissioning (CYP and Maternity Services) - usually taken as a joint item on HiH agenda (not scheduled for 2021/22)	
Impact of Covid on the mental health of young people	Possible focus for Cabinet Q & A
Effectiveness of Kickstart in supporting young people back into work -providing high quality opportunities	

Planned Site visits	