

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2022/23

Bold= confirmed **Red =- to be scoped /agreed**

July 11th 2022	September 29th 2022 (Moved from 8th September 2022)
School Admissions (40)	Foster Carers (i) Recruitment and Retention Strategy (ii) Assessing local support offer (ii) (75)
Childcare Sufficiency Strategy (40)	Update on GCSE and A Level results in Hackney (20)
Outcome of School Exclusion - Cabinet response (10)	Demographic Analysis of EHCPs in Hackney (40)
Work Programme - Consultation Reporting 2022/23 (40)	Work Programme - Outline 2022/23 (10)
October 31st 2022 -	November 30th 2022
School Exclusions and School Moves Monitoring (45m) (To include absence, persistent absence, emotional withdrawal)	Budget Monitoring - Children & Families Service (30-45)
Ofsted Focused Visit Outcome (10m) verbal update	Children & Families Annual Report (45)
Childhood food poverty - eligibility, accessibility and uptake of FSM (60)	SEND Strategy (30)
January 16th 2023	February 27th 2023
City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership (45)	Cabinet Q & A - Cllr Woodley (Early Years, SEND, Parks and Play (45) Areas of questioning to be agreed
Unregistered Educational Settings (15)	SEND Action Plan (60 min)
Outcome of School Exclusions - Progress of Recommendations (45)	
Budget Monitoring - Hackney Education (30)	
March 20th 2023	April 17th 2023
Race, racism and children's social care (TBC and scoped)	Accessibility of CAMHS - single point of access (to be scoped)
Pupil Attainment - Attainment Gap (45) Focus on children in AP (To be scoped)	Support for young parents (TBC) - Family Nurse Partnership (to be scoped)
Cabinet Q & A - Cllr Bramble (Children, Education & Children's Social Care) (45) Areas of questioning to be agreed	

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Meeting 1	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: Monday 11th July</p> <p>Deadline for reports: 28/6/22</p> <p>Publication 1/7/22</p>	<p><u>School Admissions</u> To review sufficiency of primary and secondary school places ahead of September 2022 school entry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David Court TBC ● Annie Gammon, Director of Education and Head of HLT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background reports to be circulated
	<p><u>Childcare Sufficiency</u> It is a statutory requirement for members to review local childcare sufficiency reports which are produced bi-annually. The Commission to review the full assessment report for 2022.</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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus groups with small number of nursery providers
	<p><u>Outcome of School Exclusions</u> The note and review the Cabinet response to the Commission's review of the Outcome of School Exclusions.</p>	<p>Members of the Commission</p>	
	<p>Development of new CYP Work Programme for 2022/23</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 ● Informal meeting with Commission

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Meeting 2	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: Thursday 29th September</p> <p>Papers deadline: 30/8/22</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 21/9/22</p>	<p><u>Recruitment & Retention of Foster Carers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to review the progress of Commissions recommendations contained in an earlier review - to assess the local offer to in-house foster carers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care ● Laura Bleaney, Head of Corporate Parenting ● Korinna Steele, Head of Fostering Placements ● Hackney Foster Carer Council representatives 	<p>Consultation with in house foster carers set for 31st August 2022</p> <p>Supported by a survey to all in-house foster carers.</p>
	<p><u>School Exam Results 2022</u></p> <p>A brief verbal update on the performance of young people at GCSE and A Level in Hackney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anni Gammon, Director of Education 	
	<p><u>Demographics of EHCPs in Hackney:</u></p> <p>The Commission has requested the following data for the past 3 years (age group, ethnic group, originating setting (inc those not in education):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children with EHCPs in Hackney; - New EHCPs granted in Hackney; - Number of EHCP requests - Number of requests for assessments refused - Requests for assessments which do not result in EHCP issued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joe Wilson, Head of SEND ● Annie Gammon, Director of Education 	
	<p><u>Work programme 2022/23</u></p> <p>To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2022/23.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission ● Scrutiny Officer 	

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Meeting 3	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: <u>Monday</u> <u>October</u> <u>31st</u> <u>2022</u></p> <p>Papers deadline: <u>18/10/22</u></p>	<p>School Exclusions and School Moves: (45) This is a standing item on the work programme of the Commission to review the number of school exclusions, School Moves, children in Elective Home Education and in Alternative Provision (with demographic analysis including SEND status). In light of rising rates (in connection with exclusion) a short section on school /AP absence, persistent absence to be included. Including missing children - emotional withdrawal etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Roberts, Head of Wellbeing and Education Safeguarding Paul Senior, Director of Education 	
<p>Agenda dispatch : <u>21/10/22</u></p>	<p>Ofsted Focused Visit (15) A focused visit by Ofsted was announced for 21st and 22nd of September 2022. Ofsted will focus on front door service for children’s social care (e.g. assessments, thresholds etc).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacque Burke, Group Director for Children and Education Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care 	
	<p>Childhood food poverty: eligibility, accessibility and uptake of free school meals (FSM) (60) In response to the scrutiny consultation which raised childhood food poverty, the Commission is assessing schools response: the eligibility and uptake of FSM, breakfast club provision and connection to wider food poverty networks and programmes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Senior, Interim Director of Education David Court, Head of School Organisations, Admission and Pupil benefits and Commissioning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite local head teachers for illustrative work they have been doing in relation to FSM, accessibility On site visits to local schools and community food programme projects
	<p>Work programme 2022/23 To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2022/23.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Scrutiny Officer 	

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Meeting 4	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Officers	Preparatory Work
<p>Meeting Date: <u>November 30th 2022</u></p> <p>Papers deadline: <u>18th November 2022</u></p> <p>Agenda dispatch: <u>22th November 2022</u></p>	<p><u>Children and Families Annual Report (45)</u> This is a standing item on the work programme which provides a year end summary of children’s social care activity for the period April 2021 to March 22. Members to review overall activity, trends, new service developments (in alignment with budget monitoring)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care • Jacquie Burke, Group Director of Children and Education 	
	<p><u>Children and Families - Budget Monitoring (30-45)</u> This is a standing item on the work programme which reviews and monitors in year budgets for Children and Families Service, including progress against agreed savings proposals. This is taken alongside the CFS Annual report, so scrutiny of policy and budgets are aligned. The Commission has requested a more detailed breakdown of the Corporate Parenting Budget (e.g. foster care, residential placements, supported housing etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naeem Ahmed, Director of Finance (Children, Education, Adults, Health & Integration) • Sajeed Patni, Head of Finance Children's and Education, Finance • Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care 	
	<p><u>SEND Strategy (20-30)</u> Alongside partners, the Council has developed a SEND Strategy for 2022-2025 which is due for approval at Cabinet in November 2022. This item is predominantly to note the key priorities set out in the Strategy and to update the Commission on the progress on the subsequent Action Plan, and scrutiny role in the oversight and monitoring of that.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Senior, Director of Education • Nick Wilson, Interim Head of High Needs & School Places • Joe Wilson, Head of SEND 	
	<p><u>Work programme 2022/23</u> To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2022/23.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission • 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: January 16th 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: 4th January 2023</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 6th January 2023</p>	<p><u>City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership (45)</u> This is a standing item on the work programme which reviews the annual report and activities of the local safeguarding children partnership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jim Gamble, Independent Chair, CHSCP ● Rory McCallum, Senior Professional Adviser 	
	<p><u>Unregistered Educational Settings (15)</u> This is a short item to review progress against the Commission's recommendations made in 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chris Roberts, Head of Wellbeing and Education Safeguarding ● Jim Gamble, Independent Chair, CHSCP ● Rory McCallum, Senior Professional Adviser 	To invite UOHC to present on progress?
	<p><u>Outcome of Schools Exclusions (30):</u> The Commission to follow up the recommendations made in its review which was completed in December 2021 and approved by Cabinet March 2022.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chris Roberts, Head of Wellbeing and Education Safeguarding ● Paul Senior, Director of Education 	
	<p><u>Hackney Education - Budget Monitoring (30)</u> This is a standing item on the work programme to review in year budgets and progress against savings proposals for Hackney Education.</p> <p>The Commission has also requested a more detailed budget breakdown for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Childrens Centres (budget circa £10-12m); - Commissioning of (SEND) Independent and Non-Maintained Special Schools (budget circa £14m). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sajeed Patni, Head of Finance Children's and Education, Finance ● Naeem Ahmed, Director of Finance (Children, Education, Adults, Health & Integration) 	

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Meeting 6	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: 27th February 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Q & A The Commission may question the Cabinet member on three policy areas for which they are responsible within their Cabinet portfolio.</p> <p>Cabinet members to verbally present on these three areas and take questions from the Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr Caroline Woodley, Cabinet member for Families, Parks and Leisure 	<p>Cabinet member notified of topics 6 weeks in advance: January 11th 2023</p>
<p>Papers deadline: 14th February 2023</p>	<p>SEND Action Plan The SEND Strategy was agreed by the Cabinet in November 2022. A partnership action plan has been developed in response which the Commission will maintain oversight, review delivery and progress.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul Senior, Director of Education ● Nick Wilson, Interim Head of High Needs & School Places ● Joe Wilson, Head of SEND ● Health Partner tbc ● CVS Partners tbc 	
<p>Agenda dispatch: 17th February 2023</p>			

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Meeting 7	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: 20th March 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: 7th March 2023</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 10th March 2023</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Q & A</u> The Commission may question the Cabinet member on three policy areas for which they are responsible within their Cabinet portfolio.</p> <p>Cabinet members to verbally present on these three areas and take questions from the Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bramble, Deputy Mayor and cabinet member for education, young people and children’s social care 	<p>Cabinet member notified of topics 6 weeks in advance: February 1st 2023</p>
	<p><u>Race, Racism and Children’s Social Care</u> As part of its broader work on disproportionality Commission will assess how children’s social care and social work practice may lead to different outcomes for different ethnic cohorts of children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looked after children - Children in Need - Children on a Child Protection Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's social Care 	<p>To be scoped with the Director.</p>
	<p><u>Pupil Attainment - Attainment Gap (45)</u> This is a standing item on the work programme where the educational attainment of children in Hackney is reviewed.</p> <p>This will be the first year since returning to in person exams. The Commission has indicated that in addition to usual focus on the attainment gap between key cohorts (Black Caribbean boys, Turkish Cypriot boys, Gipsy Roma/ Irish Traveller) there will be an additional emphasis on children in Alternative Provision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Senior, Director of Education • Jason Marantz, Interim Assistant Director, School Standards & Improvement 	<p>To be confirmed with the Director.</p>

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Meeting 8	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: 17th April 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: 31st March 2023</p>	<p>Accessibility of CAMHS The accessibility of CAMHS figured prominently in the scrutiny consultation 2022. There were ongoing concerns around waiting times, access to services and plans to develop a single point of access.</p> <p>This item is being scoped with respective service leads.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Wilkinson, Workstream Director Integrated Commissioning: Children, Young People, Maternity and Families, NHS North East London London Borough of Hackney • Nadia Sica, Children, Young People, Maternity and Families Workstream Programme Manager, Public Health 	<p>Scoping 24th October 2022: Amy Wilkinson, Integrated Commissioning Director</p> <p>Ahead of this meeting the Commission to visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - key CAMHS services - CYP Mental Health Groups
<p>Agenda dispatch: 5th April 2023</p>	<p>Support for Young Parents Following on from the work n in relation to disparities in maternity outcomes, the Commission is wanting to assess what support is available to young parents, how this is coordinated across statutory partners and other responsible agencies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Nurse Partnership 	<p><i>To scope with Officers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Wilkinson ? • Visit Family Nurse Partnership