

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2023/24 (rolling to 2024/25)

FORWARD PLAN ON A PAGE - Confirmed - **To be Confirmed and prioritised (some to be carried over to next municipal year)**

Municipal Year 2023/24	
June 27th 2023	September 14th 2023
School Estates Strategy - School Closures and Mergers (HE)	Sexual Health Services for CYP (PH)
Childcare Sufficiency Strategy (HE)	Recruitment & Retention of Foster Carers - draft report
Work Programme - Consultation Reporting 2022/23	Work Programme
November 30th 2023	December 18th 2023
Pupil movement report (EHE, AP, Exclusions and SchoolMoves) (HE)	Children and Families Annual Report (CSC)
Update on School Exclusions report recommendations? (HE)	Joint Budget Monitoring Session - Children & Families and Hackney Education
Alternative provision strategy (Confirmed, checking format/content with K Thompson)	School Behaviour Policies - Scoping Report
January 15th 2024	19th February 2024
CHSCP Annual Report	Future of Children's Centres - to link in with consultation - (To confirm)
Update: Unregistered Educational Settings (brief)	School Absence and Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) - CAMHS/SEND/CSC (move to March 2024)
Cllr Antionnette Bramble - Cabinet Q & A (Poss topics to confirm: FSM and Childhood food poverty, School Estates Strategy - support for children, parents and staff at closing schools)	Super Youth Hub
March 11th 2024	May 27th 2024 TBC
Disabled Children Service - with DCS, ASC, NHS (Move to May 2024)	
Attainment - Attainment Gap	SEND Joint Area Action Plan

To Confirm 23/24: To Cllr Caroline Woodley - Cabinet Q & A (Childcare Commission, Family Hubs, Graduated response)

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Municipal Year 2024/25

June 2024 (TBC)	July 2024 (TBC)
Housing Support for Care Leavers (f/u with Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission)	School Places and School Place Planning / School Admissions
Youth Justice Strategy (with Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission)	Childcare Sufficiency Report (wraparound childcare funding /provision / school breakfast clubs after school clubs - Hackney to receive £913k in 2024/25)
Vaping (and Substance) among CYP <u>or</u> Access to Sports and Physical Activity (support 10 by 10 pledge inc teamsport, swim and bike)	
September 2024 (TBC)	October/ November 2024 (TBC)
Health of Looked after children ??	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
Extended HV Service young parents (will be operational for a year)	Pupil Movement
November/ December 2024 (TBC)	January 2025 (TBC)
Children's Social Care Annual Report	Sexual Health Services for Young People - follow up
Joint Budget Monitoring Session - Children & Families and Hackney Education	CHSCP Annual Report
February /March 2025 (TBC)	March / April 2025(TBC)
Early Help Strategy -: integrated partnership offer (other statutory providers and CVS) single-point of access (CSC/SEND/CAMHS) - Data monitoring - evaluation of impact,	Pupil Attainment

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For consideration / to schedule	
Outcomes of Ofsted inspection of Children's Social Care (ILACS) - Spring 24?	School Estates: increasing in borough SEND provision: graduated response, ARP provision (links to AP strategy)
Outcomes of Ofsted/ Care Quality Commission Area SEND inspection spring/summer 2024?	Childhood Immunisations
Kinship Carers	Foetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs)
School Nursing Service (key decision in March 2024)	Integrated commissioning CYP services - CSC and SEND

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Meeting 1	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: Tuesday 27th June</p> <p>Deadline for reports: 16th June 2023</p>	<p><u>School Estates Strategy</u> To review the School Estates Strategy proposal to informally consult on the closure of two primary schools (De Beauvoir and Randal Cremer) and the merger of a further four primary schools (Baden Powell with Nightingale and Colvestone with Princess May). To inform a response to the informal consultation which closes on the 16th July 2023.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul Senior, Director of Education and Inclusion ● David Court, Head of School Organisation and Commissioning ● Laura Stagg, Parent Carer Engagement System Leader ● Parents Groups - to be confirmed ● Hackney NEU - to be confirmed 	<p>-</p>
<p>Publication 19th June 2023</p>	<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 reviewed the full assessment report in 2022 and will therefore review an update in 2023.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Donna Thomas, Head of Early Years, Early Help & Well-being ● Tim Wooldridge, Early Years Strategy Manager ● Paul Senior, Interim Director of Education and Inclusion 	
	<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 14th September 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: 4th September 2023</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 6th September 2023</p>	<p><u>Sexual and Reproductive Health of Children & Young People</u> To review sexual and reproductive health provision in context of draft sexual health strategy and the discontinuation of CHYPs Plus service.</p>	Public Health as service commissioners with contributions from: Homerton Hospital, Young Hackney, British Association of Sexual Health & HIV, Healthwatch.	Focus groups with children and young people: -Hackney Youth Parliament -Care Council -Young Futures
	<p><u>Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers</u> Update on Commissions report - draft report with draft recommendations and proposals for consultation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission ● Scrutiny Officer 	
	<p><u>School Estates Strategy</u> To note the Commission's consultation response to proposals to close 2 schools and merge 4 others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission ● Scrutiny Officer 	
	<p>To note responses to the Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FSM and Childhood Food Poverty (LBH) - Unregistered Settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission ● Scrutiny Officer 	
	<p>Work programme 2023/24 To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2023/24</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><u>Pupil Movement (45)</u> Standing item; To review pupil movement year 10 movement rates (off-rolling), School Moves, Elective Home Education, Exclusions numbers of children in Alternative Provision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul Senior, Director of Education ● Katherine Cracknell, Head of Wellbeing & Education Safeguarding ● David Court, AD School Estates Strategy ● Billy Baker, Pupils Out of School ● Donna Thomas, Head of Early Years, Early Help & Wellbeing 	
<p><u>Meeting Date:</u> 30th November 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: 20th November 2023</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 22nd November 2023</p>	<p><u>Outcome of School Exclusions (45)</u> Review follow up of recommendations made from 2021 review. Last update was received 10 months ago (January 2023).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul Senior, Director of Education ● Katherine Cracknell, Head of Wellbeing & Education Safeguarding ● Donna Thomas, Head of Early Years, Early Help & Wellbeing 	
	<p><u>Alternative Provision Strategy (30)</u> In view of recent updated guidance, to receive an update on plans to develop a new Alternative Provision Strategy. (May be taken within Outcome of School Exclusions as recs cover this area).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul Senior, Director of Education ● Karen Thompson, Alternative Provision Commissioner 	
	<p><u>Work programme 2023/24</u> To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2023/24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission ● Scrutiny Officer 	

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Meeting 4	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: 18th December 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: 5th December 2023</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 8th December 2023</p>	<p><u>Children’s Social Care Annual Report (45)</u> Standing Item: to review children’s social care activity for the period April 2022 to March 2023.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care 	
	<p><u>Budget Monitoring (45)</u> To further support the alignment of these directorates, the Commission will review in-year budgets for both Hackney Education and Children’s Social Care. These have previously been taken separately.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vernon Strowbridge, Interim Director of Finance • Sajeed Patni, Head of Finance Children & Families 	
	<p><u>School Behaviour Policy - Scoping report (30)</u> To agree to the terms of reference for the Commission's review of school behaviour policies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission • Scrutiny Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus group with external informants for policy context and to help shape focus of the review.
	<p><u>Work programme 2023/24</u> To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2023/24</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: 15th January 2024</p>	<p><u>City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report (45)</u> Standing item: to review CHSCP Annual Report 2022/23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jim Gamble, Independent Safeguarding Commissioner, CHSCP ● Rory McCallum, Senior Professional Adviser 	
<p>Papers deadline: 3rd January 2024</p>	<p><u>Unregistered Educational Settings(15)</u> An update on the Commission's recommendations - review progress in regulatory oversight.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jim Gamble, Independent Safeguarding Commissioner, CHSCP ● Rory McCallum, Senior Professional Adviser ● Paul Senior, Director of Education 	
<p>Agenda dispatch: 5th January 2024</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Q & A (45)</u> (PROVISIONAL) Possible topics for questioning - a) School Closures implementation (primary school places apps close 15/1) - support to children, families, schools b) FSM and childhood food poverty - preparations post July 2024 end of Mayoral FSM provision)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr Anntionette Bramble, Cabinet member for Children, Education and Children's Social Care 	
	<p><u>Work programme 2023/24</u> To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2023/24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission ● Scrutiny Officer 	

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Meeting 6	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: 19th February 2024</p> <p>Papers deadline: 6th February 2024</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 9th February 2024</p>	<p><u>Future of Children’s Centres (90) (PROVISIONAL)</u> - To review future plans for Children’s Centres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul Senior, Director of Education ● Donna Thomas, Head of Early Years, Early Help & Wellbeing 	<p>To link with any agreed public consultation - date to be agreed.</p>
	<p><u>Pupil Absence & Emotional Based School Avoidance (75) (TBC Move to March 24)</u> To review persistent (10%) and severe (50%) absence rates in schools, and assess how the local partnership (schools, HE, SEND, CAMHS and CSC) is supporting children and families to reduce EBSA. Also to review how local services are performing in context of new guidance (Sep 2023).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul Senior, Director of Education ● Joe Wilson, AD for SEND, Inclusion ● CAMHS ● CSC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consult/ involve school heads ahead of/ or at the meeting - Anna Freud Centre
	<p><u>Super Youth Hub (30)</u> To scrutinise plans for a proposed development of a health and wellbeing hub. (Pilot 24/24 subject to funding confirmation).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amy Wilkinson ● Nancy Bending-Becket ● Sophie Mcelroy 	
	<p><u>Work programme 2023/24</u> To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2023/24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission ● Scrutiny Officer 	

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Meeting 7	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: 11th March 2024</p> <p>Papers deadline: 27th February 2024</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 1st March 2024</p>	<p><u>Pupil Attainment - Attainment Gap (45)</u> The Commission reviews pupil attainment annually - with a specific focus on the attainment gap between cohorts of young people. The Commission has requested details of actions taken by schools and local authorities to address the local attainment gap.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul Senior, Director of Education ● Jason Marantz, Assistant Director, School Standards and Improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree external input.
	<p><u>Disabled Children Service (75m) (Poss move to May 24)</u> To review service provision with a focus on transitional preparation and support - noting the number of children who do not reach the threshold for adult social care. Also noting this is a high spend service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care ● Steve Jahoda, Head of Disabled Children Service ● Nadia Sica ● Sarah Darcy ● Georgina Diba 	
	<p><u>Work programme 2023/24</u> To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2023/24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission ● Scrutiny Officer 	

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Meeting 8	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: May 29/30th 2024</p> <p>Papers deadline: 30th April</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 3rd May 2024</p>	<p><u>SEND Area Action Plan (60m)</u> (Standing item) Implementation of SEND Strategy - agreed to follow up from 22/23. This is a partnership strategy and action plan for which all bodies are accountable via the SEND partnership board.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Senior, Director of Education - Joe Wilson, AD SEND & Inclusion - Sarah Darcy, NHS - Diane Benjamin/Steve Jahoda, CSC/ Disabled Children Service 	
	<p><u>Vaping among children and young people</u> Explore the uptake and impact (health and otherwise) of vaping on young people and how local services are supporting prevention (illegal use). Young people have reported or</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Health Team - Young Hackney HWB - Licensing representative - efforts to prevent illegal sales - test purchase data - External 	
	<p><u>Access to Physical Activity Sport</u> To assess young people's access to sport/ physical activity in relation to the Mayoral pledge of '10 by 10' (inc teamsport, swim and bike). Including possible links to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible decline of PE in school curriculum and after school clubs; - Accessibility and range of sports clubs; - Possible inequalities in access; - Local childhood obesity data. 		
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