

## West Northamptonshire Council

## Children, Education and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Draft Work Programme 2023/24

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date	Approach	Cabinet Member / Executive Director / other senior leader	Comments
Housing Allocation Scheme	The Committee to provide scrutiny input into the development of the new Housing Allocation Scheme.	19 June 2023	Committee meeting item	Assistant Director Housing and Communities	
Task and finish scrutiny review: special educational needs and disability (SEND) support	The Committee to agree the updated plan for a scrutiny review of support for children with SEND in West Northamptonshire.	19 June 2023	Task and Finish Panel	NA	The scrutiny review was begun in 2022/23 under the former People Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Task and finish scrutiny review: fostering services	The Committee to consider a proposal form for a scrutiny review of opportunities to improve the effectiveness of fostering services in West Northamptonshire.	19 June 2023	Task and Finish Panel	NA	
Provision of free broadband to young people leaving local authority care.	The Committee to receive information about support provided to care leavers.	To be confirmed	Briefing paper ahead of a pre-meeting	Executive Director People Services	The Committee can consider the need for further scrutiny of this topic after receiving the briefing paper.
Severe Weather Emergency Protocol	The Committee to scrutinise the aims and use of the SWEP in West Northamptonshire.	25 September 2023	Committee meeting item	Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure Assistant Director Housing and Communities	

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date	Approach	Cabinet Member / Executive Director / other senior leader	Comments
Child and adolescent mental health and the risk of self-harm	The Committee to review actions taken in response to the recommendations of the 2022/23 scrutiny review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health and the Risk of Self Harm	25 September 2023	Committee meeting item	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration Executive Director People Services	The scrutiny review was done by the former People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report was presented to the Cabinet on 7 March 2023.
Early help offer	The Committee to scrutinise the early help offer for children and families and opportunities to improve provision in order to prevent needs from escalating.	To be confirmed	Committee meeting item	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education Executive Director People Services	
0-19 services	The Committee to provide scrutiny input in developing future service requirements ahead of the Council going out to contract.	To be confirmed	Committee meeting item	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education Executive Director People Services	
School exclusions	The Committee to scrutinise issues connected to an increasing trend in school exclusions in West Northamptonshire.	To be confirmed	Committee meeting item	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education Executive Director People Services Assistant Director Education	
Forthcoming service contracts	The Committee to be advised of any opportunities to provide scrutiny input in developing the requirements for significant service contracts relating to its remit.	10 July 2023 4 January 2024 29 February 2024	Standing item at pre-meetings	Executive Director People Services	

**Children, Education and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting dates in 2023/24**

<b>Pre-meeting</b>	<b>Committee meeting</b>
25 May 2023	19 June 2023
10 July 2023	25 September 2023
4 January 2024	5 February 2024
29 February 2024	3 April 2024