

West Northamptonshire Council

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

	Topic identified and scheduled
	Topic identified but not yet scheduled
	Topic completed

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date	Approach	Cabinet Member / Executive Director / other senior leader	Comments
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	
Child and adolescent mental health and the risk of self-harm	The Committee to consider an overview of the latest position concerning the provision and development of support in West Northamptonshire for children and young people’s mental health.	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 item would follow on from the scrutiny review of this topic carried out by the former People Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2022/23.
Short break services for children with disabilities	The Committee to provide input and challenge on developing proposals for future service provision.	25 September 2023	Committee meeting item	Assistant Director Quality Assurance and Commissioning, Northamptonshire Children’s Trust	
Task and finish scrutiny review: support for foster carers	The Committee to agree the detailed plan for the in-depth scrutiny review of support for foster carers in West Northamptonshire.	25 September 2023	Committee meeting item	NA	

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Task and finish scrutiny review: SEND support	The Committee to receive the final draft report from the task and finish panel.	5 February 2024	Committee meeting item	NA	
Early help offer and 0-19 services	The Committee to consider an overview of the provision and development of services supporting children and families to prevent needs from escalating.	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 agenda planning meetings	Executive Director People Services	
Provision of free broadband to young people leaving local authority care.	The Committee to receive information about support provided to care leavers.	10 July 2023	Briefing paper to agenda planning meeting	Executive Director People Services	Committee members were content for the Director of Children's Services to carry out some further investigation into practical issues involved and options for proceeding.

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Housing Allocation Scheme	The Committee to provide scrutiny input into the development of the new Housing Allocation Scheme.	19 June 2023	Committee meeting item	Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure Housing Services Manager	
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: support for foster carers	The Committee to consider a proposal form for a scrutiny review of opportunities to improve support for foster carers in West Northamptonshire.	19 June 2023	Task and Finish Panel	NA	

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

Agenda planning meeting	Committee meeting
25 May 2023	19 June 2023
10 July 2023	25 September 2023
4 January 2024	5 February 2024
29 February 2024	3 April 2024