

Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee - Work Plan 2021/2022-2022/2023	
24 March 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children’s Social Care Re-Referrals – To receive a report on the number of children and young people who are re-referred back into the social care system following discharge. 2. Education – To receive pupil literacy and reading performance data, focusing specifically on the reduction in attainment levels as pupils move from KS2 to KS3, to include autumn 2021 GL PASS survey data. 3. SEND Strategy – To consider the draft SEND Strategy (to include information on the pathways available for young people with SEND once they have left education and that this area be considered for inclusion within the Strategy). 4. Young Adder – To receive a report on the work of Young Adder. 5. CSAP Update – To receive an update on CSAP and the requested information on Blackpool’s mental health hospital admission rates. 6. Young Inspectors – To receive an update on the work of the Young Inspectors.
TBC June 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children’s Social Care Improvement – To receive the findings of the Department for Education Care Review launched in January 2021. 2. Education/SEND – To receive information on the impact of the pandemic on early language and speech development. 3. CSAP Annual Report – To consider CSAP’s annual report. 4. Oracle Building Update – To receive an update on SEND provisions at the Oracle building. 5. Literacy Strategy Update – To receive an update on the implementation of the Literacy Strategy. 6. SEND Strategy – To receive the final version of the SEND Strategy.
TBC September 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children Born Into Care – To receive an update on the ongoing work looking at children born into care. 2. Early Help Strategy – To receive a report on partnership working with the Police, Health and Schools. 3. Youth Justice Update – To receive an update on the work of the Youth Justice Team. 4. Nutrition of School Meals and Chef’s Academy – To receive a report on the nutritional value of school meals and information on Chef’s Academy. 5. HeadStart Final Report – To receive HeadStart’s final report. 6. Early Years Funding – To receive information on funding for Early Years.
TBC November 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Better Start – To receive an annual update on the work of Better Start and the development of the Communication Strategy. 2. Literacy Strategy Update – To receive an update on the implementation of the Literacy Strategy. 3. Schools Response to the Pandemic Scrutiny Review – Recommendation monitoring and the impact of the pandemic on pupil attainment. 4. PSHE Programme – To consider details of the Personal, Social and Health Education programme offered in schools, with particular emphasis on raising awareness of coercive relationships. 5. Library Service – To receive a report on the Library Service.
TBC January 2023	

TBC March 2023	1. Literacy Strategy Update – To receive an update on the implementation of the Literacy Strategy.
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Scrutiny Review Work	
February 2022	<p>Catch-Up/Recovery Premium Spend Review</p> <p>To review how Blackpool schools have spent their Catch-up/Recovery premium funding from the government to consider if the funding has been utilised to ensure that children are able to catch-up any lost learning caused by the pandemic.</p>
April 2022	<p>Mental Health Support for Young Men (aged 16-25) and Suicide Prevention Services</p> <p>A joint scrutiny review with the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee. To include further information on the Elliot’s House project and the links between self-harm and suicide rates.</p>
Post-September 2022	<p>Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools</p> <p>To review the provisions within schools to support the mental health and wellbeing of pupils. Potential link to SEND target of: <i>‘Children and young people with SEND to enjoy good physical and mental health and wellbeing emotional health.’</i></p>
May 2022	<p>Young People classed as Not In Employment, Education or Training (NEET)</p> <p>To consider this cross-cutting issue which disproportionately affects vulnerable young people. To include the potential impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on training/employment opportunities for young people, as well as considering the breadth of the offer in Blackpool and whether young people are adequately directed to available opportunities.</p>
TBC	<p>SEND Funding and Capacity</p> <p>Cabinet Member referral.</p>
TBC	<p>The Experience of Looked After Children in Blackpool</p> <p>To gain an understanding of the journey of a cohort of Our Children including scrutiny of their experiences with various partners such as the Police, Health Services and schools. To potentially also include their experiences of Alternative Provision. Links to the following themes taken from the CSC Improvement Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Improve the systems and quality of Agency Decision Maker’s processes for approval and matching of foster carers and adopters.</i> 2. <i>Ensure that our social workers are prepared for court proceedings.</i>