

Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee - Work Plan 2023/2024	
21 September 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children's Social Care Update on the improvement plan. 2. Early Help Work with Families – To receive a report outlining the work being undertaken by Early Help to support families in Blackpool with a focus on partnership working and the family hubs. 3. Family Safeguarding Model – more detailed information on the proposed safeguarding model.
9 November 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children's Social Care Update including improvement, transformation and key subject areas such as neglect, permanency of placement, family hubs, financial performance of the service against the MTFS 2. Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Annual Report 3. Better Start – to receive an annual update on the work of Better Start. Additional two years funding, links to the family hubs, creating sustainability. 4. Youth Justice Service Update looking at all aspects of youth justice with a focus on partnership working 5. Educational Attainment – an overview of attainment for 22/23 also including the referral from the SLB due to concerns raised on attainment in particular around GCSE Maths and English 6. Children's Services Performance data – update on performance against the Council Plan Key Performance Indicators
25 January 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children's Social Care Update including improvement, transformation and key subject areas such as neglect, permanency of placement, family hubs, financial performance of the service against the MTFS 2. Corporate Parent Panel Annual Report 3. Education, Health and Care Plans – raised at the July 23 Committee meeting – a presentation by the health provider on wait times and access 4. SEND Progress – implementation of the strategy and to consider the response to the recommendations made to the Council and NHS in the Ofsted inspection in 2022. 5. Children's Medium Term Financial Strategy to consider the detail of the strategy
14 March 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children's Social Care Update including improvement, transformation and key subject areas such as neglect, permanency of placement, family hubs, financial performance of the service against the MTFS 2. Young Inspectors Team update including detail of the resources allocated to the team 3. Blackpool Families Rock – how the money has been spent and what has been achieved, how to ensure sustainability
June/July TBC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children's Services Performance data – update on performance against the Council Plan Key Performance Indicators

Scrutiny Review Work

2 October 2023	Children, Young People and Families Plan To consider and input into the development of the plan.
21 November 2023	Place Based Safeguarding Approach To receive information on the new approach to the Children’s Safeguarding Assurance Partnership. To then review the effectiveness of the approach in a further 12 months.
TBC December 2023	Effectiveness of Partnership working across services To hold a general meeting with all partners to discuss partnership working, whilst also considering the issue of partnership working through individual issues at Committee meetings such as Early Help and Youth Justice.
TBC January 2023	Placement Stability for Foster Carers To consider the specific issue of placements stability and the impact on children, families and foster carers.
TBC February 2023	Looked After Children in Blackpool – Children’s Homes Consideration of the viability of Council-run children’s homes.
TBC	Young People Classed as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) To review the progress and impact of the work outlined at the NEET Review Panel held 26 September 2022. To also include Young People Aged 16-18 referral from the SLB, to look at what the law says, the options for young people at this age and what support is provided to those that are NEET by the Council.
TBC	Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools 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>
TBC	Community Engagement in Schools – To consider work to engage with local communities in schools (Referred by 15 September 2022 Audit Committee)

CYP Scrutiny Training	
TBC September 2023	Journey of the Child
18 September 2023 (at the start of the pre Committee briefing)	15 minute briefing on: Legislation in Education
6 November 2023 (at the start of the pre Committee briefing)	15 minute briefing on: the role of the LADO
23 January 2024 (at the start of the pre Committee briefing)	15 minute briefing on: TBC

12 March 2024 (at the start of
the pre Committee briefing)

15 minute briefing on: TBC