

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee draft work programme July 2024

Planning

26 June 2024

Work Programme 2024-2025

Briefing

12 July 2024

Children's Services Complaints

Planning

19 July 2024

Lines of enquiry planning

Committee Meeting

30 July 2024 **report deadline 22 July 2024** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Children's Services Complaints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyse the number of complaints received by Herefordshire Council about its services for children and young people. - Understand the barriers to effective and timely resolution of complaints. - Scrutinise work to avoid service complaints, and to resolve complaints quickly and effectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number received - Percentage resolved at it each stage of the process - Number referred to Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Comparison with other local authorities</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints and Children's Rights Manager
Families' Commission update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scrutinise final report of the council's Families' Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Families' Commission final report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Committee Meeting

17 September 2024 **report deadline 9 September 2024** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Quality Assurance <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scrutinise audit work to ensure that its practice is of the highest standard possible.- Understand the common weaknesses in practice and how staff are supporting to address them.- Analysis of common issues in other local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Overview of case management activity- Briefing on quality assurance from Leeds City Council- Quality Assurance Framework- Quality Assurance Framework, Leeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service Director Early Help, Quality Assurance, and Prevention

Committee Meeting

26 November 2024 **report deadline 18 November 2024** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Including children's voices in council policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Understand the role of the council's children's advocacy team.- Scrutinise the council's participation and engagement strategy- Scrutinise how the council seeks to understand the priorities of children and young people with regard to council areas of responsibility.<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Area of focus – transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Focus group with children and young people, both within and outside the service- Children and Young People quality of life survey-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complaints and Children's Rights Manager• Hereford City Youth Council

Committee Meeting

21 January 2025 **report deadline 13 January 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Ensuring sufficiency for children and young people with a SEND <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Evaluate the level of need for SEND provision in Herefordshire, and how Herefordshire Council and partners meet that need.	To be confirmed	Service director, education Wye Valley Trust

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand how Herefordshire Council, the Department for Education and other bodies fund the development of capacity to support children with a SEND. - Scrutinise how the council, schools and health partners work together to support children, with or without a statement of need or education, health and care plan (EHCP). - Explore the role of short breaks and their commissioning. - Measure progress in meeting recommendations following the review by the Local Government Association. 		
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Briefing

February 2025

Update on school attainment

Committee Meeting

18 March 2025 report deadline **10 March 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
<p>Child exploitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand different ways children are at risk of exploitation and the factors that contribute to that risk. - Scrutinise how the different agencies work together to tackle exploitation. - Scrutinise the role of the Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership in tackling exploitation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member briefing on child exploitation - Criminal exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults - county lines - Childrens-society-Criminal-Exploitation-Stages-of-Recruitment - Exploitation Safety Plan Practice Guidance 	<p>Service Director, Safeguarding West Mercia Police West Mercia Youth Justice Service Wye Valley NHS Trust</p>

*The Corporate Director, Children and Young People and Portfolio Holder, Children and Young People, both have a standing invitation to each committee meeting. It is assumed that the portfolio holder will attend each meeting.

Committee Long List

This list contains potential items for inclusion in future committee meetings, briefing sessions or training.

SEND transport costs

Data and data sharing

How do other local authorities do this?

Locality working and early help

A possible task and finish group with Health Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Step down and reunification

Neglect and poverty strategy

Adverse childhood experiences

Commissioning of services

Autism strategy

Children's partnerships

Adoption

Fostering

Youth Justice

Trauma and adverse childhood experiences

Youth work provision in county

Unaccompanied asylum seekers

Forward Plan 19 July 2025

Current items on Herefordshire Council's Forward Plan for committee consideration:

Title	Decision Maker and Due Date
Children and Young People's Workforce Strategy To approve the children and young people's workforce strategy	Cabinet member children and young people 8 August 2024
Schools Accessibility Works To approve the proposed expenditure of capital grants for schools building, maintenance and accessibility improvement works	Cabinet member community services and assets 8 August 2024
High Needs Capital Grant: Purchase of a building for Herefordshire's Pupil Referral Unit To approve the spend from the High Needs Grant to purchase a suitable building, to relocate on to one site, Herefordshire's Pupil Referral Unit	Cabinet member community services and assets 12 August 2024
Corporate Parenting Strategy To approve the corporate parenting strategy	Cabinet 26 September 2024
Education Strategy	Cabinet 26 September 2024
Children and Young persons' Improvement Plan – progress update To provide a progress update in respect of the Children and Young persons' Improvement Plan	Cabinet 26 September 2024
Student Accommodation Update and Recommendations To update Cabinet Member on the progress and budget for the project	Cabinet 26 September 2024

Annual reporting

Planned annual reporting from Herefordshire Council. The committee may wish to consider these in committee meetings, receive briefings from the relevant officers producing the reports, or simply agree for them to be circulated to the committee for information.

Most of these reports will be published September – October 2024.

Report Title
Independent Reviewing Officer and Child Protection Plan
Adoption Service
Fostering Service
Principal Social Worker
Local Authority Designated Officer
Health and Wellbeing Strategy
Herefordshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report
Corporate Parenting Annual Report
Youth Justice Plan
Complaints, Compliments and Comments Annual Report