

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2024-2025

November 2024

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Committee Meeting

26 November 2024 **report deadline** **NEW** 14 November 2024 **pre meeting lines of enquiry planning** 20 November 2024

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
<p>Including children’s voices in council policy</p> <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 all children and young people with regard to council areas of responsibility, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transport and highways ○ Housing ○ Public Health ○ Planning ○ Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young People quality of life survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints and Children’s Rights Manager • Head of Service for Corporate Parenting • Hereford City Youth Council • Herefordshire rural media • Head of Transport and Access Services • Other officers to be agreed

Committee Meeting

21 January 2025 **report deadline** **NEW** 9 January 2025 **pre meeting lines of enquiry planning** 10 January 2025

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
<p>Ensuring sufficiency for children and young people with a SEND</p> <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. • 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). • Measure progress in meeting recommendations following the SEND peer review by the Local Government Association. • Explore how the council and the local parent-carer forum work together to co-produce strategy and practice. • Scrutinise the current neuro-development pathway and its role in supporting children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Association peer review of SEND services • Ofsted/CQC inspection of services report (if available) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Farr Service Director, Education • Hilary Jones – Service Manager SEND • Jess Brooks – Integrated Care Board Children’s Lead • Helen Gill, Directorate Support Team • Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board • Wye Valley Trust • Parent Carer Forum
<p>Supporting children with additional needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the role of short breaks and their commissioning. • Other objectives to be agreed. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hayley Doyle, Service Director All Age Commissioning • Jessica Davies – Service manager Children with Disabilities

Briefing

9 January 2025

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
<p>Thresholds of Need</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Hereford Safeguarding Partnership’s updated thresholds of need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hereford Safeguarding Partnership’s updated thresholds of need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Director, Children and Young People

Briefing

NEW 20 February 2025

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
School attainment <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of pupil attainment from Key Stage 1 to A level in Herefordshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupil attainment data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Service Director, Education

Committee Meeting

18 March 2025 **report deadline** **NEW** 6 March 2025 **pre meeting lines of enquiry planning** 06 March 2025

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Child exploitation <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 exploitationCriminal exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults - county linesChildrens-society-Criminal-Exploitation-Stages-of-RecruitmentExploitation Safety Plan Practice Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Service Director, SafeguardingWest Mercia PoliceWest Mercia Youth Justice ServiceWye Valley NHS TrustHerefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership exploitation lead
Work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Committee Meeting

27 May 2025 **report deadline** **NEW** 15 May 2025 **pre meeting lines of enquiry planning** TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Update on Improvement Plan and Quality Assurance Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objectives to be agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Updated Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Head of Service Safeguarding and Review
Work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Committee Meeting

22 July 2025 **report deadline** **NEW** 10 July 2025 **pre meeting lines of enquiry planning** TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Early help for children and families <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objectives to be agreed		
Work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Committee Meeting

16 September 2025 **report deadline** **NEW** 4 September 2025 **pre meeting lines of enquiry planning** TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Youth Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objectives to be agreed		
Work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Statutory Scrutiny Officer

*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.