



SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025-2026

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Committee Meeting

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

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Youth Justice Objectives to be agreed	Evidence to be agreed	Lorna Tilley, West Mercia Police - Gareth Boulton, Chief Executive West Mercia Police and Crime Commission - Youth Justice Board team manager - Herefordshire
Pursue Prevent Protect Prepare Objectives to be agreed	Evidence to be agreed	Tina Russell - Director of Children's Services Kayte Dixon-Thompson – Community Resilience Manager Vicky Leader Service Manager Early Help and Prevention Holly Powell – Team Manager, Get Safe Niall Crawford – Lead Officer for Education Safeguarding Social Inclusion and Elective Home Education Christine Wellington – Head of Service, Children in Need of Support and Assessment

Herefordshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual review of effectiveness Scrutinise the partnership's work for 2023-2024.	Evidence to be agreed	Kevin Crompton – Independent Scrutineer, Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership - Angela Wilson – Safeguarding Partnerships Business Manager Board Partners Tina Russell, Director of Children's Services Leanne Lowe Natalie Solomon Sub Group Chairs - Heather Manning - Dylan Harrison - Christine Wellington - Liz Farr
Work programme Review work programme	Draft work programme	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.

Committee Briefings

The committee will carry out a number of briefings, dates to be agreed

Topic	Objectives
Fostering	Update to the committee following its scrutiny in June 2025
Complaints	Update to committee following its scrutiny in July 2025
School Capital Programme	Provide an overview to the committee on the current programme and its priorities
Families First Programme	Overview of funding origins, purpose and delivery