



Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Committee work programme

Committee Meeting

16 September 2025 **report deadline 4 September 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning 11 September 2025

| Topic and Objectives | Evidence required | Attendees* |
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| Youth Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutinise the annual youth justice plan Scrutinise the performance of the service April-June 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Mercia Youth Justice Service Annual Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorna Tilley, West Mercia Police Gareth Boulton, Chief Executive West Mercia Police and Crime Commission Youth Justice Board team manager - Herefordshire |
| Improvement Plan and Quality Assurance Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on complaints to Children and Young People Directorate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Improvement Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina Russell, Director of Children's Services Suzanne Simms, Service Manager Quality Assurance Tilly Page – Complaints and Compliments |
| 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 |

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| Pursue Prevent Protect Prepare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives to be agreed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence to be agreed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutinise the partnership's work for 2024-2025. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence to be agreed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Crompton – Independent Scrutineer, Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Angela Wilson – Safeguarding Partnerships Business Manager <p>Board Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina Russell, Director of Children's Services Leanne Lowe Natalie Solomon <p>Sub Group Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Manning Dylan Harrison Christine Wellington Liz Farr |

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*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 Meeting

3 February 2026 **report deadline 22 January 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

| Topic and Objectives | Evidence required | Attendees* |
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| Topic to be agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives to be agreed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence to be agreed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees to be determined |
| 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

12 May 2026 **report deadline 30 April 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

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Committee Briefings

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

| Topic | Objectives |
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| Fostering | Update to the committee following its scrutiny in June 2024 |
| 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 |