

## **Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel**

**Chair:** Councillor Qaiser Azeem

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Stephanie Haynes

**Scrutiny Support:** Earl Piggott-Smith

### **Remit, Function and Measures**

- Ensuring that children have the best start in life and good early development
- Ensuring high quality education that closes the attainment gap
- Ensuring that children and young people grow up happy with good physical, social and mental health, and wellbeing
- Ensuring that every young person in the city is equipped for adulthood with life skills and ready for work
- Ensuring that families are strengthened where children are vulnerable or at risk
- % of Early Years and Childcare settings rated Good or Outstanding
- % of take up of 2-year-olds benefitting from early education
- % of schools in the city that are rated Good or Outstanding
- Average Attainment 8 score per pupil
- % gap in Attainment 8 score gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children
- % of 16 and 17 year-olds with SEND in education, employment, or training
- % of care leavers in education, employment, or training
- First time entrants into the Youth Justice System per 10,000 population
- Rate of children open to social care per 10,000 population under 18
- % of repeat referrals into Childrens Social Care with 12 months
- % of children and young people in care who have had 3 or more placements in the year
- % of EHC plans issued within 20 weeks

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer Report/Author Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Wolverhampton Children and Young People's Self-Evaluation 2023-24	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment.	Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds	27 July 2023	19.7.23	Programmed
Principal Social Worker Annual Report 2022 - 2023	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment.	Emma Bennett	Jennifer Rogers	27 July 2023	19.7.23	Programmed
Education, Skills and Employment Strategy – <b>Pre Decision Scrutiny</b>	At the request of the Director, agreed by the Chair	Emma Bennett	Laura Collings	27 July 2023	19.7.23	Programmed
SEND Written Statement of Action - DFE/NHS monitoring	This will be a verbal update on the findings from the DFE/NHS monitoring visit on 6 July 2023	Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Programmed

meeting - update						
Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for information and comment.	Emma Bennett	Phil Leivers	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	<b>Programmed</b>
WST Exploitation Thematic Review	At the request of the SEB lead	Emma Bennett	Andrew Wolverson	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	<b>Programmed</b>
WST Knife Crime Thematic Review	At the request of the SEB lead	Emma Bennett	Andrew Wolverson	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	
Cross Party Scrutiny Review Group - Written Statement of Action	The members of the working group to present an update following Ofsted visit to review progress against actions.	Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	<b>Programmed</b>
Children's Social Care Reform -	To report on the new reforms – Pre-Decision)	Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	<b>Provisional</b>

(Provisional – Pre-Decision Scrutiny)						
Performance, Budget Monitoring and MTFS	Standard item received as per last year	Claire Nye / Charlotte Johns	Alison Shannon / James Amphlett	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Programmed
SEND and Inclusion Strategy	At the request of the SEB lead	Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Programmed
Youth and holiday offer in the City	Panel requested details of youth holiday offer and progress since earlier report.	Emma Bennett	Andrew Wolverson	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Programmed
Family Hubs and Start for Life Offer Programme	The panel requested an update on plans to establish the programme and to review progress.	Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Programmed
School Exclusion and Suspension	The panel requested on update on	Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	Programmed

	plans to reduce the number of school exclusions and suspensions.					
Education Excellence: Update and monitoring	The panel requested an update on progress following the presentation of a previous report draft in January 2023.	Emma Bennett	Phil Leviers	31 January 2024	23 January 2023	<b>Programmed</b>
Social Work and Workforce Health Check	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment specifically on the survey findings from social workers and other workers in children's service.	Emma Bennett	Jennifer Rogers	13 March 2024	5 March 2024	<b>Programmed</b>
School's Organisation Plan	To report on the plan following	Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile / Bill Hague	13 March 2024	5 March 2024	<b>Programmed</b>

	request from the Chair.					
School Appeals	Panel requested a report following the item last year.	David Pattison	Laura Gittos / Jaswinder Kaur	13 March 2024	5 March 2024	<b>Programmed</b>

### Future Work Programme

- Wolverhampton’s Youth Justice Plan 2023-2024
- Wolverhampton Holiday Activities and Food Programme Annual Report 2022/2023
- Children’s Residential Provision Business Case – Briefing Note in October 2023 (Alison Hinds), approved by the Chair.
- Pupil Premium Briefing Paper as requested by the Vice-Chair – September 2023 – Phil Leivers
- Pupil Premium Plus Briefing as requested by the Vice-Chair – July 2023 (tbc) – Darren Martindale
- Proposed visit to new Children’s Residential Care Homes (tbc) - Alison Hinds
- Proposed visit to Family Hub network (tbc) - Alison Hinds