



County Hall  
Cardiff  
CF10 4UW  
Tel: (029) 2087 2000

Neuadd y Sir  
Caerdydd  
CF10 4UW  
Ffôn: (029) 2087 2000

## AGENDA

**Committee** CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time of Meeting** TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2022, 4.30 PM

**Venue** CR 4, COUNTY HALL - MULTI LOCATION MEETING

**Membership** Councillor Lee Bridgeman (Chair)  
Councillors Boes, Davies, Ferguson-Thorne, Hopkins, Joyce,  
Melbourne, Simmons and Singh

Patricia Arlotte (Roman Catholic representative), Carol Cobert (Church in Wales Representative), Bridgid Corr (Parent Governor Representative) and Celeste Lewis (Parent Governor Representative)

*Time approx.*

**1 Apologies for Absence** 4.30 pm

To receive apologies for absence.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

To be made at the start of the agenda item in question, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

**3 Covid-19 Recovery in Schools (Pages 3 - 10)** 4.35 pm

To receive a detailed briefing in relation to the recovery in Cardiff's schools after the pandemic.

**4 School Organisation Planning Task & Finish Group Report (Pages 11 - 18)** 6.00 pm

To receive a report from the Task & Finish report after consideration of the proposals in respect of Moorland Primary School.

**5 Committee Business Report (Pages 19 - 28)** 6.10 pm

To receive an update on the Committee's business.

**6 Urgent Items (if any)**

**7 Way Forward**

6.15 pm

To review the evidence and information gathered during consideration of each item and agree Members comments, observations and concerns to be passed on to the relevant Cabinet Member by the Chair.

**8 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee is on Monday 16 January 2023 at 5.00pm. It will be a multi-location meeting.

**Davina Fiore**

**Director Governance & Legal Services**

Date: Wednesday, 7 December 2022

Contact: Mandy Farnham, Mandy.Farnham@cardiff.gov.uk,  
02920 872618, Mandy.Farnham@cardiff.gov.uk

## **WEBCASTING**

**This meeting will be filmed for live and/or subsequent broadcast on the Council's website. The whole of the meeting will be filmed, except where there are confidential or exempt items, and the footage will be on the website for 6 months. A copy of it will also be retained in accordance with the Council's data retention policy.**

**Members of the public may also film or record this meeting.**

**If you make a representation to the meeting you will be deemed to have consented to being filmed. By entering the body of the Chamber you are also consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for webcasting and/or training purposes. If you do not wish to have your image captured you should sit in the public gallery area.**

**If you have any queries regarding webcasting of meetings, please contact Committee Services on 02920 872020 or email [Democratic Services](#)**

CYNGOR CAERDYDD

CARDIFF COUNCIL

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 DECEMBER 2022

---

COVID-19 RECOVERY IN SCHOOLS

---

**Purpose of the Report**

1. For Members to receive a brief overview of this issue ahead of a presentation on the latest position in relation to Covid-19 Recovery in Schools being made at this meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

**Background**

2. During 2020/21 as part of its work programming, Members of this Scrutiny Committee agreed to receive regular updates from Education & Lifelong Learning in relation to Education and Schools Pandemic Recovery. At its work programming forum on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the Committee resolved to continue this approach during 2021/22, which also linked with the Cabinet's Renewal & Recovery Agenda; and the Child Friendly City Accreditation.
3. At its work programming forum on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the current Committee agreed that it would wish for "***Covid-19 Recovery in Schools***" to remain a priority topic for the Committee during 2022/23 and that bi-annual reports be considered by the Committee – one following the start of the school year, and one towards the end of the school year, looking towards the Summer Programme.

## Issues

4. Since July 2020, this Scrutiny Committee has provided a number of comments, observations and views on the following issues. Links to relevant letters and papers can be found in the next Section of this Report:

- Learning and attainment for all
  - Ensuring all schools work to similar standards and approaches – learning from best practice etc;
  - Pupils who had disengaged with learning and the knock-on effect this may have in relation to their individual achievement and attainment;
  - NEETS;
  - Post 16 learning;
  - Digital Deprivation & Inequality;
  - Support for vulnerable learners;
  - Non-Formal education settings
- Planning/Preparing
  - Use of Welsh Government Funding – where is it going, how will it be used?
  - Summer Provision
- Health and Well-being
  - School Based Counselling and Pupil Wellbeing;
  - Mental health services and capacity for children & young people;
  - Staff Health and Well-being.
- Examinations and Assessments;
- Inspection Activity;
- Consultation and Engagement with Children & Young People.

5. The current Committee also raised the following issues they wish to explore, including:

- Impact on attendance levels
- Impact on vulnerable pupils, including Children looked after, EMTAS, ALN/CLN; physical disabilities etc.
- Impact on EOTAS
- Impact on attainment

- Programmes, initiatives and partnership working to address some of the challenges faced
- Issues and challenges relating to Mental health and well-being and support services
- Any positives effects/practices that should be preserved arising from any changes to working practices brought in during the pandemic
- Ascertain what effect the pandemic has had on the above and identify solutions that the council (and maybe other councils and WG) could implement to address them

## Previous Scrutiny

6. This Scrutiny Committee has considered this topic on the following dates:

- 30 July 2020<sup>1</sup>
- 12 October 2020<sup>2</sup>
- In December 2020, Members of this Scrutiny Committee were sent a further briefing via email on further updates in relation to education recovery dated 15 December 2020.
- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021<sup>3</sup>
- 11 May 2021<sup>4</sup>
- 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021<sup>5</sup>

7. Members have also raised issues on this topic when considering the following issues:

- Child Friendly City Agenda Item – 19 January 2021<sup>6</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> [Agenda for Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 30th July, 2020, 4.30 pm : City of Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Agenda for Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 12th October, 2020, 4.30 pm : City of Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Agenda for Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 15th March, 2021, 4.30 pm : City of Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Agenda for Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 11th May, 2021, 5.00 pm : City of Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Agenda for Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 21st September, 2021, 4.30 pm : Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Agenda for Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 19th January, 2021, 4.30 pm : City of Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

- Corporate Plan and Budget Scrutiny – 23 February 2021<sup>7</sup>

### Third Sector Views

8. The role the Third Sector has played in Covid-19 Recovery in schools in Cardiff will be touched on as part of the presentation at this Scrutiny Committee meeting.
9. More widely, a range of research and engagement projects have been carried out by Third Sector organisations in relation to children and young people and the impact of the pandemic on them. These include reports from Action for Children; Barnardo's; Hafal; MEIC; MIND; NSPCC; and National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS).
10. A full literature review will be undertaken and reported to Committee Members in due course; and Members may wish to invite representatives from these organisations to a future meeting.
11. A selection of key documents Members may wish to consider include the following. Whilst many date back to 2020, they may be useful reference points for Members, particularly around some groups of children and young people. Please note that some of these documents look at wider issues than just young people and schools, but again, may provide useful context:
  - Action For Children - Childhood during coronavirus: protecting children from the effects of poverty – October 2020 - [ecc-executive-summary.pdf \(actionforchildren.org.uk\)](#)
  - Barnardo's/ Action for Children - Lessons from Lockdown , Supporting vulnerable children and young people returning to school and to learning - [lessons-from-lockdown-supporting-vulnerable-children-young-people-returning-school-learning-english.pdf \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#) / [lessons-from-lockdown-supporting-vulnerable-children-young-people-returning-school-learning-welsh.pdf \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#)

---

<sup>7</sup> [Agenda for Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021, 10.30 am : City of Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

- Meic – Your Voice: Back to School – Covid-19 Survey Report – December 2020 - [Meic-Report-English-21\\_12\\_20-Final.pdf \(meiccymru.org\)](#) / [Meic-Report-Welsh-21\\_12\\_20-Final.pdf \(meiccymru.org\)](#)
- MIND Cymru - Coronavirus: the consequences for mental health in Wales – July 2021 (adults and children) [the-consequences-of-coronavirus-for-mental-health-in-wales-final-report.pdf \(mind.org.uk\)](#)
- NSPCC - Isolated and struggling - social isolation and the risk of child maltreatment, in lockdown and beyond – June 2020 – [The impact of COVID-19 on child abuse in the UK | NSPCC Learning](#)
- NSPCC Statistics briefing: the impact of coronavirus This briefing looks at what data and statistics are available around the impact of coronavirus on children and their families – February 2022 - [Statistics on the impact of COVID on children | NSPCC Learning](#)
- Mental Health Foundation Guides – Returning to School After Lockdown – the Challenge Facing Schools and Pupils - [The challenge facing schools and pupils | Mental Health Foundation](#) / [Yr her sy'n wynebu ysgolion a disgyblion | Mental Health Foundation](#)
- NYAS Young Lives in Lockdown: NYAS' Survey Of Care-Experienced Children And Young People During Covid-19 -2020 - [NYAS-Mental-Health-Report \(amazonaws.com\)](#)

## Way Forward

12. A presentation will be made at this meeting, and the following witnesses will be in attendance meeting to answer any questions on this:

- Councillor Sarah Merry, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education;
- Melanie Godfrey, Director of Education & Lifelong Learning;
- Mike Tate, Assistant Director of Education and Lifelong Learning;
- Patrick Brunnock, Head Teacher, Corpus Christi RC High School
- Claire Skidmore, Head Teacher, Radyr Primary School
- Michelle Jones – Head Teacher, Lansdowne Primary School

13. Members will be able to agree any comments, concerns or recommendations that they wish to pass on to the Cabinet Member and Senior Officers during the Way Forward and decide whether they wish to receive further updates from witnesses in the future.

### **Legal Implications**

14. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

### **Financial Implications**

15. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.



## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Committee considers this report and information provided at the meeting and agrees any recommendations, comments or advice it wishes to offer to the Cabinet Member and Senior Officers in Education & Lifelong Learning, as well and any future scrutiny Members may wish to undertake on this issue.

**Davina Fiore**

**Director of Governance and Legal Services**

**2 December 2022**

This page is intentionally left blank

**CYNGOR CAERDYDD  
CARDIFF COUNCIL****CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****13 DECEMBER 2022**

---

**SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLANNING – REPORT OF THE SOP  
TASK & FINISH GROUP – MOORLAND EARLY YEARS UNIT  
AND REPLACEMENT FLYING START: PROCUREMENT OF  
CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION**

---

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members with the output of discussions between the SOP Task & Finish Group and SOP Team at its meeting on the 7 December 2022, in relation to proposals associated with Moorland Primary School, prior to its consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on the 15 December 2022.
2. Members of this Scrutiny Committee are requested to note the comments and observations made by the Task & Finish Group, and these be submitted as a letter to the Cabinet Member ahead of the Cabinet meeting on the 15 December 2022.

**Background to the Proposal**

3. Moorland's Primary School has seen deterioration of some of its buildings over recent years, particularly in relation to the Early Year's unit. A development on site also presents an opportunity to address some of the increasing demand for ALN spaces and to expand to support the national childcare offer commitment for 3–4-year-olds in the local area.
4. At its meeting on 14 July 2022, Cabinet agreed to establish a 20 place Specialist Resource Base for primary aged children with Complex Learning Needs at Moorland Primary School from September 2023. The proposal was considered by this Scrutiny Committee on the 5 July 2022.

5. Within the paper it was proposed to establish a Special Resource Base (SRB) for primary aged children with Complex Learning Needs (CLN) at Moorland Primary School from September 2023. It also outlined the scope of the project, including:
  - Replace the Moorland Early years unit;
  - Provide a replacement Flying start from Willows High School increasing from 32 to 44 with 8 childcare offer spaces for 3 and 4 year olds;
  - Provide a crèche and community room for parenting and community use;
  - Provide a 20 place Specialist Resource base for Complex Learning needs;
  - Demolish care takers house.
  
6. The Director of Education, under delegated authority, gave authorisation to proceed to tender on 12 November 2021 in line the Council's delegations.
  
7. The Council commenced the project in 2020 but came across market challenges with market interest. The project was tendered via the SEWSCAP framework in January 2022 and received no tender returns. Feedback included the project complexities (such as a live school operating on the confined site), substantially increased demand for construction in the industry and the type of construction considered.
  
8. Following discussions with SEWSCAP framework contractors one has confirmed that it would be able to tender at a later date, due to resourcing issues at the time. This response has now been received and is considered value for money. However, the project value is now above officer delegations.

## **SOP Task & Finish Group Meeting – 7 December 2022**

9. The SOP Task & Finish Group met on the 7 December 2022 to consider the proposals in detail. Papers were released to the Group 3 working days ahead of the meeting to allow Members to have the opportunity to digest the contents.
10. Two Appendices to the proposal contained exempt information, and it was agreed that any comments or observations arising from these appendices would be shared with the Committee in confidence.
11. The Cabinet Proposal contained information relating to:
- Condition and Suitability
  - Land matters relating to Moorland Primary School
  - Complex Learning Needs Specialist Resource Base
  - Mainstream places
  - Flying Start
  - The proposal also contained details of Financial, Legal, Human Resources, Property and Highways and Transport Implications. An Equalities Impact Assessment was also attached.
12. The Cabinet Proposal contained the following recommendations:
- (i) authorise the funds for the main contract required from the Council's Education Asset Renewal programme, subject to Ministerial approval for the enhanced Flying Start Welsh Government contribution, to enable the Moorland Primary School project to commence.
  - (ii) subject to Ministerial approval for the enhanced Flying Start Welsh Government contribution, delegate responsibility to the Director of Education (in consultation with the Director of Economic Development and S151 Officer) for all matters relating to the procurement of the project (up to and including award) and completion of ancillary documents (as applicable).

13. The reasons for the recommendations were to:

- Avoid any further delays on implementing the SRB provision.
- Address the condition of the current school estate to meet statutory requirements.
- Ensure the Suitability of the current school to meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning
- To meet demand for special school places for primary age learners with complex learning needs, to enable pupils to received specialist education within their local area.

14. At the Task Group meeting, Members were joined by the following witnesses:

- Richard Portas, Director of School Organisation Planning
- Brett Andrewartha, School Organisation Planning Manager
- Mian Saleem - Operational Manager, Economic Development

### **School Organisation Planning Task & Finish Group Observations**

15. The Task & Finish Group made the following observations at the meeting on the 7 December. Members are requested to note the following. There will be an opportunity for the Chair to briefly give an overview/update of the meeting, if required. The following will be drafted into a letter to the Cabinet Member following this meeting. Comments and observations as follows:

- The Task & Finish Group commend the report to Cabinet for consideration.
- Group Members discussed the site and asked questions around any future housing development and its proximity to the school. They particularly raised safeguarding and mitigating measures to be considered when agreeing the types of tenure that could be developed. Members were satisfied with the answers provided at the meeting but

stated that they would wish to flag to both the Chair of Planning and Head of Planning (who will be copied into the letter) that Group Members had raised this issue and would seek reassurance that a rigorous analysis would be undertaken on any housing development to ensure safeguarding around the school, and this also be discussed and agreed in detail with the school directly.

- Group Members stated that they agreed with the rationale for the development and improvement of Early Years Provision, given the current condition of the facilities.
- Group Members noted the constraints and practicality of developing on the Moorland site. They were satisfied with measures taken in relation to developments freeing up additional land for the school. In addition, Members wished to echo some of the concerns raised in the Cabinet report relating to highways and welcomed the commitment that this is not a barrier.
- Members asked a number of questions regarding future proofing of ALN places and noted the commitment that this will be brought back via the SOP Annual Report, which will be considered by the Group in January 2023.
- Members asked questions in relation to procurement, tendering and the framework agreement. Members were satisfied that the process that been satisfactorily subject to scrutiny by the Council (including approval by Procurement) and the proposal offered value for money. Members were also satisfied with responses received relating to the role of legal in relation to reviewing and signing off this proposal.
- Following discussions with Officers, Group Members highlighted an issue that they had not raised with them, namely whether any of the buildings were listed. A verbal update will be given at this meeting or raised in the letter to the Cabinet Member if after this meeting.

- Group Members stated that they would also seek reassurance that the Moorland development would stand the test of time and would be built to meet standards and future needs. Whilst they are confident that this would be the case, they stated that they would wish for the Council to avoid issues (such as significant problems with the building itself, heating, electricity etc) that may require significant investment or re-build in 40-50 years (as had been the case with those built in the 1950s/60s).

### **Scope of Scrutiny**

16. The scope of the scrutiny was for Members of the Task & Finish Group to consider and provide comments on the draft report to Cabinet, prior to its consideration of the report on the 15 December 2022.

### **Way Forward**

17. Members of this Scrutiny Committee are requested to note the comments and observations made by the Task & Finish Group, and these be submitted as a letter to the Cabinet Member ahead of the Cabinet meeting on the 15 December 2022.

### **Legal Implications**

18. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the



procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

### **Financial Implications**

19. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is recommended to:

- I. Note the comments and observations made by the Task & Finish Group, and these be submitted as a letter to the Cabinet Member ahead of the Cabinet meeting on the 15 December 2022.

**Davina Fiore**

**Director of Governance and Legal Services**

**7 December 2022**

This page is intentionally left blank

**CYNGOR CAERDYDD  
CARDIFF COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**13 DECEMBER 2022**

---

**CYPSC COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT**

---

**Background**

1. This report sets out a summary of the Committee's business as follows:
  - A correspondence update arising from recent scrutiny meetings;
  - Update on the SOP Task & Finish Group;
  - Update on the EOTAS Inquiry Task & Finish Group;
  - Updates on other business considered by this Committee informally;
  - The latest version of the CYPSC Work Programme; and
  - The draft CYPSC Forward Work Programme for January – April 2023, to be agreed and then published on the Council's website.

**Correspondence update**

2. Following most Committee meetings, the Chair writes a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member or officer, summing up the Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the issues considered. Set out below is the latest position in terms of correspondence:

**July 2022**

- *Response received* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair's letter regarding School Organisation Planning Proposals – Complex Learning Needs; Emotional Health & Wellbeing; and Pentyrch Primary School.

## **September 2022**

*Meeting postponed.*

## **October 2022**

- *Response received* – from Councillor Lister to the Chair’s letter regarding the Youth Justice Service
- *Response awaited* – from Councillor Lister to the Chair’s letter regarding the Local Authority Social Services Annual Report 2021/22; Children’s Services Quarter 1 performance for 2022/23; and Unpaid Carers Charter

## **November 2022**

- *Response awaited (due in January 2023)* - from Councillor Merry to the Chair’s letter regarding School Organisation Planning Proposals – Fairwater Campus and Band B Redevelopments. This letter is confidential.
3. Copies of the public Chair’s letters and responses received can be found on the Council’s website page for the relevant Committee meeting, with a hyperlink provided at the top of the page, entitled ‘*correspondence following the committee meeting*’.

## **SOP Task & Finish Group**

4. The SOP Task & Finish Group was established as a rolling Group to consider a number of School Organisation Planning proposals coming forward during 2022/23.

5. The SOP T&F Group met with the Cabinet Member and Senior Officers on the 8 November 2022 to consider the proposals in relation to the **Fairwater Campus and Band B Redevelopments**. The Group considered the details of the proposals and held a Q&A session. It was agreed that due to the scale of the proposal it should be escalated for full Committee consideration on the 14 November 2022. Members may recall that the November meeting was dedicated to this issue.
6. The Task Group met on the 7 December 2022, to consider proposals in relation to **Moorland Early Years Unit and Replacement Flying Start: Procurement of Contractor for Construction**. The output from this meeting is set out in a separate report being considered at this meeting of the Committee

#### **EOTAS Inquiry Task & Finish Group**

7. At the Committee's work programming forum in July 2022, the Committee agreed to undertake an in-depth Inquiry on **Young People who are educated other than at School (EOTAS) and what factors could lead to them becoming vulnerable to criminal exploitation** during the next 12 – 18 months.
8. Members of this Task Group are:
  - Cllr Bridgeman
  - Cllr Ferguson-Thorne
  - Cllr Hopkins
  - Carol Cobert
  - Karen Dell'Armi (volunteer co-optee)
9. The Inquiry is currently being scoped out for consideration, and further details will emerge following first meeting of the Task & Finish Group, which is currently scheduled for January 2023 (*date to be confirmed*). This will be reported back to full committee in due course.

## **CYPSC – Informal Business**

10. Due to the volume of items coming forward for the CYPSC Work Programme, sometimes the Chair will advise the Scrutiny Officer to send reports informally to Committee Members to invite their comments, views, observations and queries. These responses are collated and detailed in an output letter to the relevant Cabinet Member. The Chair has agreed the following to be sent via this method.

- **Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Adoption Collaborative Annual Report 2021/22**  
CYPSC Members have received this report and an update on responses will be provided verbally by the Scrutiny Officer at this meeting.
- **Corporate Safeguarding Policy** – a draft version of this Policy will be distributed to CYPSC Members for comments once published. It will be considered by the Cabinet on the 15 December 2022.

## **CYPSC Work Programme 2022/23**

11. The latest version of the CYPSC Work Programme is attached at **Appendix A**. Members are requested to note changes.

## **CYPSC Forward Work Programme – 1 January – 1 April 2023**

12. As part of the Council's response to the Wales Audit Office report '*Overview and Scrutiny - Fit for the Future?*' (July 2018), the Head of Democratic Services has introduced publication of the Committee's "Forward Work Plan" (FWP) on the Council's internet site.<sup>1</sup>

13. The next published FWP will cover the period January – April 2023. At this meeting, Members are asked to consider the information set out in **Appendix**

---

<sup>1</sup> Available at: <http://cardiff.moderngov.co.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPIId=142&RD=0&LLL=0>

**B** and agree for this to be published, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting.

## **Way Forward**

14. During the meeting, Members will have the opportunity to;

- reflect on the correspondence update.
- Note the progress in relation to the SOP Task & Finish Group and the EOTAS Inquiry Task & Finish Group
- Note progress in relation to those Items distributed informally, including any verbal updates at this Committee meeting.
- Note the latest CYPSC Work Programme for 2022/23 and agree the Forward Work Programme for January – April 2023, and for it to be published on the Council's website.

## **Legal Implications**

15. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

## **Financial Implications**

16. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is recommended to;

- I. reflect on the correspondence update.
- II. Note the progress in relation to the SOP Task & Finish Group and the EOTAS Inquiry Task & Finish Group
- III. Note progress in relation to those Items distributed informally, including any verbal updates at this Committee meeting.
- IV. Note the latest CYPSC Work Programme for 2022/23 and agree the Forward Work Programme for January – April 2023, and for it to be published on the Council's website.

**DAVINA FIORE**

**Director of Governance and Legal Services**

**06 December 2022**



	13 Dec 22 4.30pm start	16 Jan 23 5.00pm start	21 Feb 23 5.00pm start	20 March 23 5.00pm start	26 April 23 4.30pm start	15 May 23 5.00pm start	June 23 (date TBC)	July 23 (date TBC)
Committee Item 1	Covid 19 Recovery in Schools – Priority Topic - requested by CYPSC	Education Annual Report (combined with Central South Education Consortium Annual Report)  The New Curriculum – Priority Topic - requested by CYPSC	Budget and Corporate Plan Scrutiny	Youth Service Review - Priority Topic - requested by CYPSC	SOP Strategy – adoption - Strategic SOP issue to be considered by CYP	SOP T&F Update Report	SOP T&F Update Report	Youth Justice Service Update – quarterly update
Committee Item 2	SOP T&F Update Report	Children’s Services Strategy – pre-decision		SOP T&F Update Report	SOP - Investment programme report - Strategic SOP issue to be considered by CYP	Engagement and Participation of Children and Young People – Priority Topic - requested by CYPSC		SOP T&F Update Report
Committee Item 3		Childcare Sufficiency Update – 12-month report back from previous scrutiny of this issue			Youth Justice Service Update – quarterly update			
Committee Item 4		SOP T&F Update Report			SOP T&F Update Report			
Performance Reports	Valleys, Vale & Cardiff Adoption Collaborative Annual Report 2021/22 – annual performance report	Youth Justice Service Update – quarterly update  Children’s Services Q2				Children’s Services Q3		

Green – Education & LL; Peach – Children’s Services; Blue – Partnership Reports; Pink – Supporting Young People (new portfolio); yellow – cross portfolio/departmental; orange – early years; Purple – SOP T&F Group

**Topics yet to be timetabled**

- **Closer to Home/Out of County Placements** - Report back to the Committee with an update on progress on the Closer to Home programme. (from CYPSC – Oct 2021)
- **National Adoption Service Hosting** - An agreement to return to the Committee in six months (September 2022) to update the Committee on the new NAS arrangements (CYP – March 2022).
- **Impact of Welsh Government removal of profit from Care** – TBC – priority topic agreed by CYPSC at its work programming forum
- **Innovations in Children’s Services** – TBC - priority topic agreed by CYPSC at its work programming forum
- **SOP - WESP Action Plan** – report back from previous scrutiny

This page is intentionally left blank

## Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee – Forward Work Programme 1 January 2023 – 1 April 2023

Subject to review

**This document is available in Welsh / Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg.**

16 January 2023

### Education Annual Report and New Curriculum

To receive and consider the Education Annual Report from the Education Central South Consortium and receive a briefing on how Cardiff schools are adapting to the new curriculum

Invitees

Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Education  
Director of Education and Lifelong Learning  
Central South Consortium Representatives

### Children's Services Strategy

To carry out pre-decision scrutiny of the Children's Services Strategy

Invitees

Cabinet Member for Social Services (Children);  
Corporate Director for Communities and Housing and Director of Social Services;  
Director of Children's Services

### Childcare Sufficiency Update

To receive a 12 month progress report in relation to Childcare Sufficiency

Invitees

Cabinet Member for Social Services (Children);  
Director of Adults, Housing and Communities  
Assistant Director of Housing and Communities

### Youth Justice Service – Progress Update

To receive an update and monitor progress in relation to the Youth Justice Service.

Invitees

Independent Chair of the Youth Justice Board  
Cabinet Member for Social Services (Children);  
Director of Children's Services

## Children's Services Q2 Performance

To receive the results of Q2 Performance from Children's Services

Invitees

Cabinet Member for Social Services (Children);  
Director of Children's Services

## SOP T&F Update Report

For Members to consider an output report from SOP Proposals considered in January

No invitees

## 21 February 2023

### Corporate Plan 2023-2026 and Budgetary Proposals

To scrutinise those sections of the Council's draft Corporate Plan and draft Budget Proposals that relate to the portfolios and service areas that fall within the remit of this Committee, prior to these being considered by Cabinet.

Invitees

Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance  
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education  
Cabinet Member for Social Services (Children);  
Corporate Director Resources  
Corporate Director People and Communities  
Director of Education and Lifelong Learning  
Director of Children's Services  
Head of Finance

## 20 March 2023

### Youth Service Review

For Members to receive an update on the Youth Service and future plans for the Service

Invitees

Cabinet Member for Tackling Poverty & Supporting Young People  
Director of Education and Lifelong Learning  
Assistant Director of Education and Lifelong Learning  
External witnesses (TBC)

## SOP T&F Update Report

For Members to consider an output report from SOP Proposals considered in March

No invitees