

Potential Work Programme items

Issues raised by the Directors

Children's Services

- Annual Director Statutory report on Social Service – annual review of report
- Signs of safety – briefing to review and assess the implementation of the signs of safety and the risk assessment framework and its impact on outcomes
- Youth Offending Service - to review and assess the effectiveness of the improvement plan in response to the inspectorate findings.
- Recruitment & Retention of Social Workers - to review and assess the plans to reduce vacancy rates to below 18%
- Budget and savings monitoring – To monitor and review the achievability of agreed savings and their impact on outcomes.
- Child sexual exploitation - to receives progress reports on the implementation of this committee's recommendations and further improvements
- Advocacy service - to review the operation of the service to ensure that it effectively support children & Young people – **potential inquiry**

Cabinet Member for Children's and Families

- Signs of safety (as above)
- Recruitment & Retention of Social Workers(as above)
- Budget and savings monitoring(as above)
- Child sexual exploitation (as above)

Education

- Standard of the School building estate - The reduced asset management budget may mean that not all work can be undertaken in 2018/19 - **potential inquiry**

- Budget and savings monitoring - To monitor and review the achievability of agreed savings and their impact on outcomes.
- Monitoring of Cardiff 2020 – performance monitoring
 - Inclusion
 - New assessment system
 - New curriculum

- **Cabinet Member for Education & Skills**

- School Estate Strategy Plan (as above) – **Potential Inquiry**
- Condition of Special Schools - to review the suitability of special schools – **Potential Inquiry**
- Review of Special educational needs – to review the service and support provision to determine its effectiveness in meeting need – **Potential Inquiry**
- Community Focused Schools to determine the effectiveness of the current schools in providing a community focussed facilities – **Potential Inquiry**
- Consortium – to review the services that challenge and support Cardiff schools to improve and educational attainment does not improve at the required rate.

Issues raised by other Cabinet Members

Young people's involvement in drug dealing across the City and the impact of the reduction in youth services may have had. – **Potential Inquiry**

Issues raised by the Chairman

Children's Services issues

Foster care – assess and review the recruitment of foster carers in Cardiff

Local placements – to identify the reason for the placement of LAC outside the area and identify improvements – **Potential Inquiry**

The Arc – to review the operation of the service and its effectiveness in providing support

Recruitment & Retention of Social Workers (as above)

Education issues

Youth Service to review the operational effectiveness of the new model for the youth service – **Potential Inquiry**

Education other than at school – to investigate the effectiveness of the support and services for those educated otherwise – **Potential Inquiry**

Year 11 transitions – to assess the support and procedure in place across schools

Neets - to investigate the process in place to support those who are identified as potential Neets – **Potential Inquiry**

B Coding - to receive a briefing paper

Committee Members issues

How the council engages children and young people in service design and review, in ensuring that we're providing the most appropriate services

Child sexual exploitation (ensuring that this work is continued from last year)

Schools estate strategy plan (including the development of new schools, including new Welsh medium schools) – **Potential Inquiry**

School admissions and catchment areas

Youth representation and engagement - including the youth service, service design and review, and the youth council's input into cabinet/council admissions– **Potential Inquiry**

Childcare and affordable childcare

Children's zones – the development of this policy direction, and how/if these will replace current C1st provision across the city. – **Potential Inquiry**

Issues raised by non-committee Members

Education

I would like to suggest scrutiny of the comparison of teacher assessment and WG test data within primary schools in Cardiff. There is clear evidence that schools are inflating their pupil outcomes at KS1 & KS2, and that these do not reflect the data from the WG tests at these levels. While it can be argued, in part, that the WG tests are just a snapshot of a day in the life of a pupil, the variances are often significant and signal that there is a need to look more closely at these results.

Of greatest concern is the teacher assessments are looked at by Estyn, but the WG results are not used as a basis for judgement of a school's performance. Robust teacher assessment is the answer but there is clearly a lack of this around the city.

Cardiff Youth Council

The Chair of Cardiff Youth Council has written to request that the Committee considers undertaking an inquiry into its top issues as voted for by young people were in 2016, namely:

A curriculum should prepare us for life: School should cover topics including finance, sex & relationships and politics in the curriculum. – **Potential Inquiry**

Issues raised by the National Youth Advocacy Service in respect of Looked After Children services

Education of Looked after children – **Potential Inquiry**

Services and support for Asylum seeker young people – **Potential Inquiry**

Items regularly scrutinised by the Committee

Generic items

- Annual Corporate Plan (February)
- Draft Budget (February)

Children's Services items

- Directorate delivery plan (July)
- Issues from the Cabinet forward plan (as and when we know)
- Children's Services Performance reports (quarterly)
- Families First Annual report (June)
- Safeguarding annual report (June)
- Corporate Parenting Annual report (June)
- Regional adoption annual report (April)
- Budget Monitoring (Quarterly)

Education

- Directorate delivery plans (July)
- Issues from the Cabinet forward plan (as and when)
- Education Performance reports (Quarterly)
- Cardiff 2020 monitoring (Quarterly)
- School's annual report (January)
- Budget monitoring (Quarterly)
- Consortium annual report
- Consortium performance monitoring (Quarterly)

Risk Register

Education

Schools SOP - Large scale Capital Programme with tight timescales for delivery, in context of very rapidly growing primary age school population

Consortium & Attainment –The central south consortium does not deliver effective services that challenge and support Cardiff schools to improve and educational attainment does not improve at the required rate

Delegated school budgets – secondary schools with deficit budgets do not deliver agreed deficit recovery plans, impacting on the overall budgets for all schools.

Children' Services

Safeguarding - Systematic failure in the effectiveness of the Council's safeguarding arrangements together with other statutory safeguarding partners

Social services provision – Failure to provide robust and adequate social services in the context of increasing costs and limited resources.