

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer/ Organisation Involved	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role / Notes
Children and Young People Public Health Overview	01/09/25	Joanne Hennessey		Annual Monitoring
Performance Monitoring Q4	01/09/25	Chris Bell		To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary
Adoption Tees Valley Annual Report	20/10/25	Vicky Davidson-Boyd, Service Manager, Adoption Tees Valley		Annual Monitoring
Performance Monitoring Q1	20/10/25	Chris Bell		To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary
Children's Services Self-Assessment	20/10/25	Chris Bell		To provide Scrutiny with the Annual Self- Assessment for Children's Services so that constructive 'critical friend' challenge takes place to drive improvement in public services
Local Designated Officer Annual Report (LADO)	20/10/25	Martin Graham		To examine the Annual Report and assure Members that allegations made against staff who work with children are reported and how they are actioned
Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2024/25	20/10/25	Martin Graham		To examine the Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer produced by the Children's Safeguarding Unit.
Children and young Peoples Plan	20/10/25	Christine Shields		To update Members on the refreshed Children and Young Peoples Plan
Learning and Skills Service Annual Report	20/10/25	Paul Richardson		Annual Monitoring
Exclusion and Suspension Update	05/01/26	Tony Murphy		

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School Avoidance Update	05/01/26	Tony Murphy		Long term school absence
Transitional Services	05/01/26	Joss Harbron / Chris Bell		
Medium Term Financial Plan	05/01/26	Brett Nielsen		
Transport Policy	02/03/26	Tony Murphy		To update members on the Council's transport policy
Annual Fostering Report	02/03/26			Annual Monitoring
Performance Monitoring Q2	02/03/26	Chris Bell		To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary
Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	02/03/26	TBD / Amanda Hugill		Annual Monitoring
Childcare Sufficiency Review	02/03/26	Tony Murphy		Annual Monitoring
SEND Strategy Update	20/04/26	Tony Murphy		To update members on the Council's SEND strategy
Performance Monitoring Q3	20/04/26	Chris Bell		To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary
Support for Darlington Youth Partnership	TBD	TBD		