

Children and Families Committee Work Programme 2023-24

Report Reference	Children & Families Committee	Title	Purpose of Report	Lead Officer	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Corporate Plan Priority	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Exempt Item
CF/31/22-23	18/01/2024	School Catering Review Outcomes	To consider the options appraisal for school catering	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	No	Yes	Open;#Fair	No	Yes
CF/08/23-24	18/01/2024	Third Financial Review of 2023/24 (Children & Families Committee)	This report outlines how the Council is managing resources to provide value for money services during the 2023/24 financial year. The purpose of the report is to note and comment on the Third Financial Review and Performance position of 2023/24 and approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.	Director of Finance & Customer Services	No	No	Open	Yes	No
CF/10/23-24	18/01/2024	Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2024/25 - 2027/28 Provisional Settlement Update (Children & Families Committee)	All Committees were being asked to provide feedback in relation to their financial responsibilities as identified within the Constitution and linked to the budget alignment approved by the Finance Sub-Committee in March 2023. Responses to the consultation would be reported to the Corporate Policy Committee to support that Committee in making recommendations to Council on changes to the current financial strategy.	Director of Finance & Customer Services	Yes	No	Open	Yes	No

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CF/29/23-24	18/01/2024	Cheshire East Sufficiency Strategy for Cared for Children 2024-25	<p>The Statutory Guidance for Sufficiency (s22 of the Children Act, 1989) sets out a requirement for Local Authorities to work with key partners to be in a position to secure, where reasonably practicable, sufficient accommodation for children in care in their local authority area which meets the needs of children and whose circumstances are such that it would be consistent with their welfare for them to be provided with accommodation that is in the local authority's area ('the sufficiency duty').</p> <p>The sufficiency duty requires local authorities to do more than simply ensure that accommodation be 'sufficient' in terms of the number of beds provided. They must also have a regard to the benefits of securing a number of providers and a range of services. Fundamentally, the accommodation available must meet the needs of children cared for by Cheshire East Council.</p>	Director of Commissioning	Yes	No	Fair	No	No

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			This updated Strategy details current needs across the Borough, documents progress made to deliver the plans within the current (2021-2023) Strategy and our plans to meet emergent needs in 2024-25 and beyond.						
CF/41/23-24	18/01/2024	Together Strategy 4 year plan	To inform committee of the 4 year integrated strategy to deliver the together vision and achieve excellence for our children and families as described in the 2023/24 MTFS.	Executive Director of Children's Services	No	Yes	Open	Yes	No

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CF/20/23-24	12/02/2024	Speech and Language Therapy	The Paediatric Speech and Language service (SALT) – The Council has a duty to provide speech, language and communication (SLCN) services to children under the Children's and Families Act 2014 Part 3. This is for children with a EHCP Part F (Education), but also with a need for early identification, prevention and support. The service pathways are linked to the health provision including access to health clinics and a need for service continuity within education and community settings. The Council needs to review and recommission this service, preferably in-conjunction with our health partners to provide a service that will be fit for the future and that rises to the increasing demands for better identification of children's needs within the community.	Director of Commissioning	Yes	Yes	Fair	No	No
CF/57/22-23	12/02/2024	Children centre remodelling	To remodel the purpose of some children centre sites.	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	TBC	TBC	Fair	Yes	No
CF/36/23-24	12/02/2024	Dedicated Schools Grant 2024/25 including schools and early years funding formula	To approve the planned use of the different elements of the Dedicated Schools	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	Yes	No	Open	Yes	No

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			Grant for 2024/25 in terms of schools, high needs, early years and central blocks. To include specific approval of the schools funding formula and early years funding formula						
AH/22/2023-24 & CF/18/23-24	08/04/2024	Substance Misuse Service	To provide information about the proposed substance misuse service model and for a decision to re-commission the substance misuse service	Director of Commissioning	Yes	Yes	Fair	No	No
AH/09/2023-24	08/04/2024	Direct Payments Policy	To seek approval for the Direct Payments Policy following consultation	Director of Commissioning	Yes	Yes	Fair	Yes	No
CF/01/24-25	03/06/2024	Service Budgets 2024/25 (Children & Families Committee)	The purpose of this report is to set out the allocation of approved budgets for 2024/25 for services under the Committee's remit, as determined by Finance Sub Committee	Director of Finance & Customer Services	No	No	Open	Yes	No
CF/44/23-24	03/06/2024	Councillor Frontline Visits Annual Report	The report provides an update to committee on the themes, strengths and issues raised through councillor frontline visits to the Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS), Child in Need and Child Protection (CIN/CP) Teams, and the Children with Disabilities Social Work Team and Short Breaks	Director of Children's Social Care	No	No	Fair	No	No

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			Team over the last 12 months.						