

Children and Families Committee Work Programme 2024-25

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
July 2024									
CF/22/24-25	08/07/24	ILACS Improvement Plan	To consider the final version of the improvement plan to address the findings from the latest Ofsted inspection of local authority children's services (ILACS).	Executive Director Children and Families	N/A	No	Fair	Yes	No
September 2024									
CF/12/24-25	16/09/24	Academisation of Schools Forward Plan	This report is presented to the Children and Families Committee to inform committee members of planned schools across the borough who are seeking to move to academy status and join a multi academy trust. The forward plan highlights schools that will require Committee approval at future meetings.	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	No	No	Open	No	TBC
CF/07/24-25	16/09/24	First Financial Review of 2024/25 (Children & Families Committee)	To note and comment on the First Financial Review and Performance position of 2024/25, including progress on policy proposals and material variances from the MTFs and (if necessary) approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.	Director of Finance and Customer Services	No	No	Open	Yes	No
CF/23/24-25	16/09/24	Childcare expansion grant capital policy and wrap around childcare revenue grant policy	Committee to approve capital and revenue grant policies	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	No	Yes	Open; Fair	Yes	No
CF/24/24-25	16/09/24	Youth Justice Plan	To ensure committee has oversight of the annual Youth Justice Plan.	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	N/A	No	Fair	Yes	No

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CF/25/24-25	16/09/24	ILACS Improvement Plan Progress	To update committee on progress against the improvement plan to address the findings from the Ofsted inspection of local authority children's services (ILACS) in February and March 2024, and to ensure committee can scrutinise impact on outcomes for children and young people.	Executive Director Children and Families	No	No	Fair	No	No
November 2024									
CF/08/24-25	11/11/24	Second Financial Review of 2024/25 (Children & Families Committee)	To note and comment on the Second Financial Review and Performance position of 2024/25, including progress on policy proposals and material variances from the MTFs and (if necessary) approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.	Director of Finance and Customer Services	No	No	Open	Yes	No
CF/13/24-25	11/11/24	Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2025/26 - 2028/29 (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 2024. 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 and Customer Services	No	No	Open	Yes	No
CF/21/24-25	11/11/24	Children's Centre re-modelling into the Family Hub Model	To seek committee approval on the future outreach delivery model for family hubs and repurposing of seven children's centre buildings to meet the MTFs savings, whilst continuing to deliver the services in a more flexible way following consultation.	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	Yes	Yes	Open; Fair; Green	Yes	No

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January 2025									
CF/09/24-25	13/01/25	Third Financial Review of 2024/25 (Children & Families Committee)	To note and comment on the Third Financial Review and Performance position of 2024/25, including progress on policy proposals and material variances from the MTFs and (if necessary) approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.	Director of Finance and Customer Services	No	No	Open	Yes	No
CF/15/24-25	13/01/25	Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2025/26 - 2028/29 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 2024. 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 and Customer Services	No	No	Open	Yes	No
February 2025									
CF/20/24-25	10/02/25	Schools Funding Formula and Early Years Funding Formula 2025/26	To provide committee with an update on the Dedicated School Grant (DSG) for 2024/25. To request approval for the allocation of each sub block making up the DSG. To request approval of the schools funding formula and early years funding formula following recommendations from the Schools Forum. To request approval to provide delegated authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services to use the funds in accordance with the relevant guidance and proposed funding formula methods.	Executive Director Children and Families	Yes	No	Open	No	No

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April 2025									
CF/16/24-25	07/04/25	Service Budgets 2025/26 (Children & Families Committee)	The purpose of this report is to set out the allocation of approved budgets for 2025/26 for services under the Committee's remit, as determined by Finance Sub Committee	Director of Finance and Customer Services	No	No	Open	Yes	No