

## 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/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/31/22-23	12/02/2024	School Catering Review Outcomes	To consider the options appraisal for school catering	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	No	Yes	Open;#Fair	Yes	Yes
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

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CF/29/23-24	12/02/2024	Cheshire East Sufficiency Strategy for Cared for Children 2024-27	<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> <p>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.</p>	Director of Commissioning	Yes	No	Fair	No	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 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	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	Yes	No	Open	Yes	No
	12/02/2024	Local Authority Costs and Timescales in support of a School converting to an Academy	Briefing to the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) of a communication that will be shared with Cheshire East schools in regards the timescales and costs in relation to Cheshire East Councils	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	No	No	Open	Yes	No

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			involvement in the academy conversion of a school.						
CF/47/23-24	12/02/2024	Consultation on changes to the travel support policy for children and young people	The report provides an overview of progress to date against the plans to transform travel support for children and young people and seeks approval from committee on proposed changes to the travel assistance policy	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	Yes	Yes	Open;#Fair	Yes	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/41/23-24	08/04/2024	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
CF/48/23-24	08/04/2024	Travel support transformation - available walking routes update	To seek approval from the children and families committee on the next phase of available walking routes to school.	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	Yes	Yes	Open;#Fair	Yes	No
CF/46/23-24	08/04/2024	Kingsbourne Academy, Nantwich – 12-month delay for the opening of the new school - Update	This report is to provide an update to the November 2023 committee report titled Kingsbourne Academy, Nantwich – 12-month delay for the opening of the new school	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	No	No	Open	No	No
CF/49/23-24	08/04/2024	Household Support Funding 2024/25	The report brings two recommendations, one which sets out 24/25 delivery plans and a second which provides an exit plan and risk matrix to mitigate in the event of no funding extension.	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	No	Yes	Open	Yes	No
	08/04/2024	Youth Justice Shared Service	decision for Cheshire East to enter into hosted arrangement to continue to deliver youth justice services	Director of Children's Social Care	No	Yes	Open	No	No
CF/01/24-25	June 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

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CF/44/23-24	June 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 Team over the last 12 months.	Director of Children's Social Care	No	No	Fair	No	No
AH/22/2023-24 & CF/18/23-24	June 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