

People Scrutiny Committee
DRAFT Forward Work Programme

Dates	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Executive / Council
Tuesday 6th September 2022	Proposed Forward Work Programme 2022/23	Approval To agree the Forward Work Programme for 2022/23, recognising the fluidity of the document.	Chair	N/A
	Self-evaluation (SE)	Performance Monitoring To ensure that Members contribute to the development of the self-evaluation report.	Lynn Phillips	Executive – 14.09.22
	Home to School and Post 16 Transport Policy To be published by 1st October	Pre-Decision To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft Home to School and Post 16 Transport Policy 2022/23, prior to Executive Committee approval and publication on 1/10/2021.	Lynn Phillips / Jo Watts	Executive – 14.09.22
	Proposal to explore and develop a Business case for Children’s residential provision in Blaenau Gwent	Pre-Decision To seek support to develop a business case to provide local authority children’s residential provision in Blaenau Gwent.	Tanya Evans	Executive – 14.09.22
Monday 19th September 2022	ALN Policies / Strategies Education Safeguarding Policy	Pre-Decision To consider policies prior to approval.	Lynn Phillips / Luisa Munro-Morris	Executive - 26.09.22
	Annual Report of the Director of Social Services 2021/22	Performance Monitoring Members to receive the Director of Social Services Annual report 2021/22.	Tanya Evans	Council – 29.09.22

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Tuesday 18th October 2022	Safeguarding Performance reporting	Performance Monitoring To provide members with Corporate, Children's and Adult Safeguarding Performance.	Lynn Phillips Tanya Evans	Executive - 26.10.22
	Improving Schools Programme	Performance Monitoring To provide Members with an update on any inspection report findings (when available) and progress within schools that are causing concern or subject to Council intervention.	Luisa Munro- Morris	Executive – 26.10.22

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Tuesday 29th November 2022	Director of Social Services Quarter 1 and 2 update	Performance Monitoring Members to receive the quarterly update of the Director of Social Services Annual report.	Tanya Evans	Executive - 07.12.22
	Director of Education Quarter 1 and 2 update	Performance Monitoring Members to receive the quarterly update of the Director of Education Annual report.	Lynn Phillips	Executive – 07.12.22

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Tuesday 17th January 2023	Improving Schools Programme	Performance Monitoring To provide Members with an update on any inspection report findings (when available) and progress within schools that are causing concern or subject to Council intervention.	Luisa Munroe-Morris	Executive – 01.03.23

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Tuesday 28th February 2023	School Admissions Policy for Nursery and Statutory Education Statutory deadline for the policy to be published by 15th April	Pre-Decision To consider the draft School Admissions Policy for Nursery and Statutory Education 2023/24 prior to approval by the Executive Committee.	Lynn Phillips	Executive – 01.03.23
	Safeguarding Performance reporting	Performance Monitoring To provide members with Corporate, Children's and Adult Safeguarding Performance.	Lynn Phillips Tanya Evans	Executive – 01.03.23

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Tuesday 18th April 2023	Education Directorate End of Year 2021 report	Performance Monitoring To provide Members with the first annual strategic overview report from the Corporate Director on progress made and key areas for future development.	Lynn Phillips	Executive – 19.04.23

Member Briefing Sessions			
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Quarterly	Directorate Briefings	<p>A closely focused directorate update session to provide information and detail on service areas in order to raise the interest and enthusiasm of members. This also provides a legitimate avenue to raise local issues outside of the scrutiny process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Support Team update • Safe Reduction of Looked After Children Strategy 	All
Monday 12 th September 2022 2.00pm – 3.30pm	Blaenau Gwent Approach to Poverty	Provide Elected Members with an overview of Blaenau Gwent's approach to tackle poverty.	Corporate Director Social Services
Thursday 15 th September 2022 2.00pm – 3.30pm	Fostering and Adoption	By the use of case studies this session will take Elected Members through a child's journey in foster care highlighting some of the common issues that occur while children are looked after. Some of the case studies will include children who move on to adoptive families.	<p>Head of Children's Services</p> <p>Service Manager, Children's Services</p> <p>Service Manager, SEW Adoption Service</p>
Online Course	Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence	<p>This on-line learning module will provide an overview of the duties and legislation in place to tackle all forms of Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.</p> <p>The Module can be accessed by clicking on the link below or paste it into your browser (please note Internet Explorer is not compatible with the website):</p> <p>https://learning.wales.nhs.uk/course/view.php?id=1410</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your username will be your personal reference number (available at the top of your payslip) pre-fixed with BGCBC e.g. BGCBC123456 • Your initial password is Welcome1% (please note this is case sensitive) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The enrolment key is Blaen15% 	Online course
	Safeguarding Online Course	This online course will provide a practical understanding of the importance of safeguarding children and adults and how	Online

		<p>to spots signs of abuse, harm or neglect. The Module can be accessed by clicking on the link below or paste it into your browser (please note Internet Explorer is not compatible with the website):</p> <p>https://learning.wales.nhs.uk/mod/scorm/view.php?id=17510</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your username will be your personal reference number (available at the top of your payslip) pre-fixed with BGCBC e.g. BGCBC123456 • Your initial password is Welcome1% (please note this is case sensitive) • The enrolment key is Blaen15% 	
TBC	Flying Start Expansion	To provide members with information on the Flying Start expansion.	Ceri Bird
TBC	Safeguarding in Education	To provide members with an update on Safeguarding in Education.	Michelle Jones
TBC	Education Transformation	<p>Briefing session to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st Century Schools Programme Bands B progress and education project overview • Management of Pupil Places and the School Estate 2021/22 	Joanne Watts
TBC	Youth Service	<p>Briefing session to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Service Performance • Inspire to Achieve / Work 	Joanne Sims
TBC	Estyn Preparedness		Lynn Phillips
TBC	Working with the EAS		EAS Lynn Phillips
November 2022 - TBC	Post 16 Learner Outcomes	The session is to provide Members with an overview of the BG Learning Zone's post 16 attainment levels for both academic and vocational areas of learning.	Coleg Gwent Lynn Phillips
TBC	Assistive Technology	To provide information of Assistive Technology.	Alyson Hoskins
TBC	National Adoption Service	To provide an update on the National Adoption Service.	Tanya Evans
April 2023	Corporate Parenting Progress	To provide an update on Corporate Parenting.	Ceri Bird