

People Scrutiny Committee
DRAFT Forward Work Programme

Dates	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Cabinet / Council
Meeting: 18th July 2023 Deadline: 4 th July 2023	Proposed Forward Work Programme 2023/24	Approval To agree the Forward Work Programme for 2023/24, recognising the fluidity of the document.	Liz Thomas	N/A
	Safeguarding Performance reporting <i>(including LGES Safeguarding Policy)</i>	Performance Monitoring To provide members with Corporate, Children's and Adult Safeguarding Performance.	Lynn Phillips Tanya Evans	Cabinet

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Meeting: 19th September 2023 Deadline: 5 th September 2023	Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Regional (Gwent) Strategy 2023-2026	Pre-Decision To support the strategy.	Sarah King Amy Thomas, Regional Lead Advisor Gwent VAWDASV	Cabinet -
	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 2023/24, prior to Cabinet approval.	Joanne Watts	Cabinet –
	ALN Policy Review	Pre-Decision To consider review of ALN policies and recommend approval by Cabinet	Luisa Munro-Morris	Cabinet
	Annual Report of the Director of Social Services 2022/23	Performance Monitoring Members to receive the Director of Social Services Annual report 2022/23.	Tanya Evans	Council –

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Meeting: 7th November 2023 Deadline: 24 th October 2023	Self-evaluation (SE)	Performance Monitoring To ensure that Members contribute to the development of the self-evaluation report.	Lynn Phillips	Cabinet –
	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	Cabinet –
	Children's Residential Provision in Blaenau Gwent	Performance Monitoring To receive progress on the establishment of the Local Authority Children's Residential provision in Blaenau Gwent.	Tanya Evans	Cabinet

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Meeting: 19th December 2023 Deadline: 5 th December 2023	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	Cabinet -
	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	Cabinet –

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Meeting: 30th January 2024 Deadline: 16 th January 2024	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 Cabinet.	Joanne Watts	Cabinet –
	Safeguarding Performance reporting	Performance Monitoring To provide members with Corporate, Children’s and Adult Safeguarding Performance.	Lynn Phillips Tanya Evans	Cabinet

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Meeting: 19th March 2024 Deadline: 5 th March 2024	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	Cabinet –

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Meeting: 7 th May 2024 Deadline: 22 nd April 2024				

Dates for Items to be confirmed	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Cabinet / Council
FWP 2023/24 June 2024	Education Directorate End of Year report – 2023/24	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	Cabinet –

Member Briefing Sessions			
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Quarterly	Directorate Briefings	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.	All
	Youth Service	Briefing session to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Service Performance Inspire to Achieve / Work Youth Engagement Progression Framework 	Joanne Sims
November 2023	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 Joanne Sims
	Safe Reduction of Children Looked After Strategy		Alison Ramshaw
	Estyn Progress Update		Michelle Jones
	Work of the EAS		Michelle Jones
	Mental Health Services		Alyson Hoskins
	Assistive Technology		Alyson Hoskins
	Domiciliary Care		Alyson Hoskins
	My Support Team	To provide an update.	Alison Ramshaw
	Education Transformation	Briefing session to include: <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 2022/23 	Joanne Watts
	National Adoption Service	To provide an update on the National Adoption Service.	Alison Ramshaw
April 2024	Corporate Parenting Progress	To provide an update on Corporate Parenting.	Ceri Bird
Summer 2024	Progress of the Safer Schools Partnership Board		Michelle Jones