

## Potential Children and Families Scrutiny and Improvement Committee work programme

### Priority improvement/development topics (from induction presentation)

- Increase in children in our care
- Breakdown in the market for Children's homes
- Impact of exploitation on children and families
- High levels of Exclusions and Suspensions have continued

### Work programme suggestions from Member survey

- None to date

### Previously requested topics to timetable

- Children's Care Placement Costs (from last meeting)
- Supporting Families Programme
- SAFE Team
- Delivering Better Value SEND Review

Meeting date	Topic	Author/presenter	Cabinet report	Scrutiny function
12 Sept 2023	Quarter 1 performance / finance report	Executive Director – Children and Families Directorate Accountant		Performance monitoring
	Adoption Tees Valley Bi-Annual Report	Executive Director – Children and Families		Annual update / Performance monitoring
	Principal Social Worker Annual Update	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Social Care and Early Help		Annual update / Performance monitoring
	Fostering Annual Report and Statement of Purpose	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Social Care and Early Help	✓	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Thrive at Five	Executive Director – Children and Families	✓	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Ofsted Focused Visit	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Education and Skills	✓	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Work programme discussion to agree possible Scrutiny Review Topic 1?	Executive Director – Children and Families Scrutiny Officer		Policy Development/ service Improvement

	Outside Body report	Elected Member		Information sharing
17 Oct 2023	Scrutiny Review Topic?	Executive Director – Children and Families Scrutiny Officer		Policy Development/ service Improvement
	Outside Body report	Elected Member		Information sharing
28 Nov 2023	Quarter 2 performance / finance report	Executive Director – Children and Families Directorate Accountant		Performance monitoring
	Health Visiting and School Nursing Service Annual Report	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Education and Skills		Annual update / Performance monitoring
	Childcare Sufficiency Report	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Education and Skills	✓	Annual update / Performance monitoring
	Childrens Safeguarding Annual Report	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Social Care and Early Help	✓	Pre-decision scrutiny
	South Tees Children’s Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Social Care and Early Help		Annual update / Performance monitoring
	Fees and Charges	Executive Director – Children and Families Directorate Accountant	✓	Annual Review (budget consultation) Pre-decision scrutiny
	Scrutiny Review Topic?	Executive Director – Children and Families Scrutiny Officer		Policy Development/ service Improvement
	Outside Body report	Elected Member		Information sharing
30 Jan 2024	Virtual School Annual Report	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Education and Skills		Annual Report
	School Admission Arrangements	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Education and Skills	✓	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Local Funding Formula for Schools	Executive Director – Children and Families	✓	Pre-decision scrutiny

		AD – Education and Skills		
	Teeswide Annual Safeguarding Report	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Social Care and Early Help	✓	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Scrutiny Review Topic?	Executive Director – Children and Families Scrutiny Officer		Policy Development/ service Improvement
	Outside Body report	Elected Member		Information sharing
12 March 2024	Quarter 3 performance / finance report	Executive Director – Children and Families Directorate Accountant		Performance monitoring
	Adoption Tees Valley Bi-Annual Report	Executive Director – Children and Families		Annual Report
	Provisional Education Results across all key stages	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Education and Skills	✓	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Scrutiny Review Topic?	Executive Director – Children and Families Scrutiny Officer		Policy Development/ service Improvement
	Outside Body report	Elected Member		Information sharing
23 April 2024	Investment in our Schools 2024-25	Executive Director – Children and Families AD – Education and Skills	✓	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Scrutiny Review Topic?	Executive Director – Children and Families Scrutiny Officer		Policy Development/ service Improvement
	Outside Body report	Elected Member		Information sharing