






Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Item	Scrutiny Theme	Purpose	Lead Officer	Portfolio Holder/ Lead Member	Pre or post decision?	
04 June 2026						
	Response to DfE Regional Director comments	Corporate Effectiveness	To present the proposed response to issues raised by the DfT Regional Director	AnnMarie Dodds/ Ashley Milum	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	CYPSC Decision
	SEND Recovery Plan	Policy Effectiveness	To present plans for addressing rising demands and backlogs in Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments (EHCNA)	Ashley Milum/ Emma Ferry/ ICB Rep (TBC)	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	Pre-Decision
	School Viability Review	Partnership Effectiveness	To consider the long-term viability of schools in West Berkshire in the context of declining birth rates.	Ashley Milum	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	CYPSC Decision
10 September 2026						
	SEN Tribunals	Corporate Effectiveness	To provide an update on SEN Tribunals in West Berkshire.	Emma Ferry	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	CYPSC Decision
	Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) Policy	Policy Effectiveness	To present the draft EOTAS Policy for review.	Emma Ferry	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	Pre-Decision
	Families First Update	Policy Effectiveness	To provide an update on how the Families First Programme is being implemented in West Berkshire, bringing professionals together to ensure children and their families receive clear, joined-up support.	Rebecca Wilshire	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	CYPSC Decision
	Children's Services Complaints and Compliments Annual Report	Corporate Effectiveness	To present the Children's Social Care Complaints Annual Report for 2025/26, including feedback from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman	Sue O'Brien	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	CYPSC Decision
	Child Protection Annual Report 2025-26	Corporate Effectiveness	To report upon the performance of services for children and young people subject to a child protection plan between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026, providing breakdown and commentary regarding the quality of practice within West Berkshire's child protection conference process and to make recommendations for any required remedial action.	Nicola Robertson	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	CYPSC Decision
03 December 2026						
	Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	Policy Effectiveness	To provide an overview of childcare provision in West Berkshire and whether this is sufficient to support working parents and ensure that every child is able to access their entitlement to free early education and care.	???	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	Pre-Decision
	Update on response to DfE Regional Director comments	Corporate Effectiveness	To provide an update on the local education system's response to issues raised by the DfT Regional Director	AnnMarie Dodds/ Ashley Milum	Cllr Heather Codling (Children and Family Services)	CYPSC Decision

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Council Strategy Priorities

-  Priority Area 1: Services We Are Proud Of
-  Priority Area 2: A Fairer West Berkshire with Opportunities for All
-  Priority Area 3: Tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergency
-  Priority Area 4: A Prosperous and Resilient West Berkshire
-  Priority Area 5: Thriving Communities with a Strong Local Voice

Scrutiny Themes

- Policy Effectiveness
- Corporate Effectiveness
- Partnership Effectiveness

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