

Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board Work Programme 2023/2024 – Initial Draft

Approved ??? - Updated 21/6/2023 by Teresa Buckley

Timetable of Meetings

Date	Meeting	Issue	Outcomes and Objectives
31 July 2023	Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Ofsted Annual Conversation Letter	To consider the Annual Conversation Letter and identify areas for overview and scrutiny - Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye
31 July 2023	Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Our Promise to You – The Torbay Pledge to care for and care experienced children/young people - update every 6 months	To receive an update on the progress of implementing the Pledge. To receive an update on youth engagement, Children in Care Council’s (CICCs), My Voice and The Circle – Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye
31 July 2023	Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Exploitation and Children Missing – update every 6 months	To receive an update on Exploitation and children missing – Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye/Katie Buckley Note: update to include comparative data to demonstrate the improvements and impact to young people who are vulnerable to exploitation.?

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31 July 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Children's Continuous Improvement Board Update	To receive an update on the Children's Continuous Improvement Plan – Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye/Steve Hart. To receive an update on the implementation of the eight recommendations arising from the review of Children's Services Leadership, Management and Governance – approved by the Board on 20 September 2021 - Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye/Rachel Setter
31 July 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board Work Programme 2023/2024	To approve the initial Work Programme for Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board – Teresa Buckley/Councillor Law
23 October 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Youth Provision in Torbay	To receive an update on the direction of travel for the review of youth provision and consider how the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board can contribute towards the review and add value, to include Youth Improvement Fund, youth work including sport, leisure and culture and pre-summer holiday camps – Nancy Meehan/Alan Denby/Councillor Bye
23 October 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Early Years Sufficiency Strategy	To review the Early Years Sufficiency Strategy and make recommendations to the Cabinet in November – Nancy Meehan/Rachael Williams/Councillor Bye
23 October 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Sufficiency Strategy and Permanence for Children	To receive an update on the Sufficiency Strategy and permanence for children, including recruitment and retention, (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) UASC, fostering, Community Support Programme – Nancy Meehan/Becky Thompson/Councillor Bye

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23 October 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Adopt South West - Regional Adoption Agency Annual Report	To consider the annual report from Adopt South West - Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) and to consider the implications of Cornwall joining the RAA – Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye (plus RAA rep)
23 October 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Torbay Local Area Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Joint Inspection Written Statement of Action Update (every six months)	To receive update on the progress of the implementation of the action plan arising from the Written Statement of Action following the Torbay Local Area Special Educational Needs (SEND) Joint Inspection. To receive an update on the Safety Valve. Nancy Meehan/Rachel Williams/Hannah Baker, Project Manager SEND Written Statement of Action/Councillor Bye.
18 December 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Youth Justice (every six months)	To receive an update on the Youth Justice Team, including and mental health and Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) provision – Nancy Meehan/ Jon Ralph - Service Manager/Councillor Bye
Date to be confirmed 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Review of School Transport	Review of School Transport recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 7 December 2022 – Nancy Meehan/Rachael Williams/Councillor Bye.
18 December 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Family Hub Sustainability	To review the long term sustainability of the three Family Hubs in Torbay and the early help services they provide including the role of The learning Academy. To receive an update on the take up of Free School Meals and the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – Nancy

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			<p>Meehan/Councillor Bye/Sarah Pengelly - Project Manager HAF (Holiday, Activities and Food Programme) – Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye</p> <p>(Update on Family Hubs and Early help requested every six months)</p>
18 December 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Exclusions and Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the latest qualified exclusion data and the views of those children who have been excluded. To receive an update on the new Local Authority Attendance Duties and Home Education. <p>Rachael Williams/Nancy Meehan/Dan Hamer/Councillor Bye(arising from 24 January 2022 Board)</p>
18 December 2023	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Care Experienced	Update on Mark Ridell visit and implementation of action plan for care experienced young people – Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye
19 February 2024	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Virtual School Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the annual report from the Virtual School which includes an update on attainment of our cared for and care experienced young people – Nancy Meehan/Rachael Williams/Councillor Bye/Jane Inett
19 February 2024	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Children's Services Self-Assessment	To review the draft Children's Services Self-Assessment which provides an annual position on performance of Children's Services – Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye

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19 February 2024	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive an update on CAMHS and the action being taken to reduce waiting times and explore options for those young people who do not meet the threshold for formal CAMHS referral or support. • What are the transitional arrangements for CAMHS for children from 18 years old onwards. • To hear from Children and Family Health Devon on what they were doing to resolve the lack of CAMHS support and access for young people to CAMHS services, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How's many Torbay children are currently (a) waiting for assessment? (b) How long have they been waiting? <input type="checkbox"/> How many children are currently receiving intervention from CAMHS? <input type="checkbox"/> How many have received medication, but no therapeutic intervention? <input type="checkbox"/> How many of those referred have an EHCP or are awaiting neurodiversity diagnosis? <input type="checkbox"/> Whether there could be a specific, accelerated pathway for cared for children or adopted children? <p>(requested at the Sub-Board on 30 January 2023) – Nancy Meehan to confirm invitees</p>
19 February 2024	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	School Mental Health Programme	To review the school mental health programme and post Covid trends in schools – Nancy Meehan/Rachael Williams/Councillor Bye
22 April 2024	Children and Young People's Overview	Schools Capital Programme Review	To receive an update on the Schools Capital Programme, particularly the Westlands PFI, which was one of the first in the country, what worked and what did not work – Nancy Meehan/Samantha Poston/Councillor Bye

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22 April 2024	Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board	Update on UNICEF work to be a Child Friendly Torbay	To review the work with UNICEF to be a Child Friendly Torbay– Anne-Marie Bond/Nancy Meehan/Councillor Bye/Sarah Pengelly