

Work Programme
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2025/2026
Policy framework documents – Youth Justice Plan

2 October 2025 (Theme: Public Health)

| Item | Work Type | Responsible officer | Objectives |
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| Public Health | Theme | Director of Public Health | Taking a system wide approach to health and early intervention |
| Adoption Partnership South East, Regional Adoption Agency - Annual Report 2024/2025 | Annual Report | Assistant Director Children's Social Care | To scrutinise the annual information relating to the adoption service |
| Children's Social Care Complaints and Compliments Annual Report | Annual Report | Assistant Director, Children's Social Care | To scrutinise the annual information relating to Children's Social Care Complaints. |
| Elective Home Education | Mini Review | Assistant Director Education and SEND | To receive and discuss the findings of the mini review |
| Early Years | Information item | Assistant Director Education and SEND | To receive a report on progress in early years |
| Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q1 2025/26 | Council Performance Monitoring | Chief Operating Officer | To scrutinise the latest council plan performance and risk register review information for Quarter 1 of 2024/25 |

2 December 2025 (Theme: Finance)

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| Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2025/26 | Pre-decision scrutiny (Theme) | Chief Finance Officer | To scrutinise the draft budgets for 2025/26 |
| Capital and Revenue Budget Monitoring – Round 2 2025/26 | Budget monitoring (Theme) | Chief Operating Officer | To scrutinise the Capital and Revenue Budget Monitoring for Round 2 2024/25. |
| Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Risk Register | Council Performance Monitoring | Chief Operating Officer | To scrutinise the Council Plan monitoring and corporate risk register reports for Quarter 2 2024/25. |

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| Review Quarter 2 2025/26 | | | |
| Missing Children Annual Report | Annual Report | Assistant Director, Children's Social Care | To scrutinise the annual report on missing children |
| Medway Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report | Holding to Account | Assistant Director, Children's Social Care | To scrutinise the annual report of the Medway Safeguarding Children Partnership |

8 January 2026 (Theme: Education and SEND)

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| Annual School Performance Report (Unvalidated Data) | Annual Report (Theme) | AD, Education & SEND | To scrutinise the annual school's performance report for the academic year 2022/2023 |
| Not in Employment Education or Training | Information item (Theme) | AD Education & SEND | To scrutinise the data on NEET |
| <i>Medway Youth Council Service Peer Review Report</i> | <i>Information item</i> | <i>Assistant Director, Children's Social Care</i> | <i>To discuss outcome of the review and next steps</i> |
| <i>CSC Improvement Journey Update</i> | <i>Information item</i> | <i>Assistant Director, Children's Social Care</i> | <i>To receive an update on progress</i> |

5 March 2026 (Theme: PH Holding to Account)

| Item | Work Type | Responsible officer | Objectives |
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| Portfolio Holder for Education & Schools | Holding to account | Holding to account | To hold the Portfolio Holder to account for the areas within her portfolio |
| Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member) | Holding to account | Holding to account | To hold the Portfolio Holder to account for the areas within his portfolio |
| <i>Regional Care Cooperative and Aut Even. Eden House Update</i> | <i>Information item</i> | <i>Assistant Director, Children's Social Care</i> | <i>To receive an update on progress</i> |

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| <i>Medway Therapeutic Alliance</i> | <i>Holding to account</i> | <i>Director of Public Health</i> | To receive and update on progress |
| Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Risk Register Review Quarter 3 2025/26 | Council Performance Monitoring | Chief Operating Officer | To scrutinise the Council Plan monitoring and corporate risk register reports for Quarter 2 2024/25. |
| Capital and Revenue Budget Monitoring – Round 3 2025/26 | Budget monitoring | Chief Operating Officer | To scrutinise the Capital and Revenue Budget Monitoring for Round 2 2024/25. |

To be determined:

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| <i>Early Help</i> | <i>Information Item</i> | <i>Assistant Director, Children's Social Care</i> | <i>To receive an update on the service</i> |
| <i>Oasis Restore</i> | <i>Information Item</i> | | <i>To receive and update on progress (to be taken after Easter)</i> |

Future 2025/2026 dates: 2 December 2025, 8 January 2026, 5 March 2026.

Policy Framework Documents: Youth Justice Plan

CYP O&S Committee Work Completed in 2025/26:

9 January 2025

- Meeting Theme - Education: Annual Report on School Performance for the Academic Year 2023 to 2024
- Oasis Restore Secure School Update
- Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Services across Medway
- Short Breaks Sufficiency Update

6 March 2025

- Meeting Theme – Holding to Account: Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Education.
- Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill
- Capital Budget Monitoring – Round 3 2024/25
- Revenue Budget Monitoring – Round 3 2024/25
- Council Plan performance Monitoring Report and Strategic Risk Summary - Quarter 3 2024/25

11 June 2025

- Meeting Theme- Housing: Medway's Children and Families placed in temporary accommodation in Medway, Care Leavers Accommodation, Children's commissioning QA processes of children's places and young inspectors
- Medway Youth Council Annual Report
- Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Strategic Risk Summary Quarter 4 2024/25

7 August 2025

- Meeting Theme- Children's Social Care: Medway Youth Justice Plan 2025 – 2026, Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report 2024-2025, Children's Services Annual Fostering Report 2024-2025
- Member's Item: Implications of removal of exemption from VAT for Private and Independent Schools in Medway from January 2025
- The Proposed Changes to the Education Travel Assistance Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy Statement - Outcome Following Consultation
- Capital Budget Monitoring - Round 1 2025/26
- Revenue Budget Monitoring - Round 1 2025/26