

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

**2 December 2025 (Theme: Finance)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work Type</b>	<b>Responsible officer</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
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 Review Quarter 2 2025/26	Council Performance Monitoring	Chief Operating Officer	To scrutinise the Council Plan monitoring and corporate risk register reports for Quarter 2 2024/25.
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)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work Type</b>	<b>Responsible officer</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
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 Council Youth 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>
Regional Care Cooperative and Aut Even/ Eden House Update	Information item	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care	To receive an update on progress

### 5 March 2026 (Theme: PH Holding to Account)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work Type</b>	<b>Responsible officer</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
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>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:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work Type</b>	<b>Responsible officer</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
<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 an update on progress ( to be taken after Easter)</i>
<i>Early Years update report</i>		<i>AD Education &amp; SEND</i>	<i>To receive an update on progress of the recommendations. (approx. August 2026)</i>

<i>Sufficiency Strategy</i>		<i>Assistant Director, Children's Social Care</i>	<i>To receive an updated strategy ( June 2026)</i>
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**Future 2025/2026 dates: 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

### **2 October 2025**

- Meeting Theme - Public Health: Taking a System Wide Approach to Health and Early Intervention for Children in Medway
- Adoption Partnership South East, Regional Adoption Agency Annual Report 2024/2025
- Complaints and Compliments Annual Report 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025
- Early Years
- Elective Home Education Focus Group
- The One Medway Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Strategic Risk Summary - Quarter 1 2025/26

## Work Programme

### Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**4 DECEMBER 2025** – likely to change due to the number of items currently scheduled

Item	Work type	Responsible officer/contact	Objectives
Commissioning of care providers	Information Item	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care	To scrutinise a report providing information on the commissioning of care providers
Suicide Prevention Strategy	Pre-decision scrutiny	Director of Public Health	To scrutinise the draft strategy ahead of Cabinet consideration.
Director of Public Health Annual Report	Information Item	Director of Public Health	To consider the Director of Public Health's Annual Report
Draft Budgets 2026/27	Pre-decision scrutiny	Chief Operating Officer	To scrutinise the draft budget proposals for 2026/27.
Budget Monitoring Round 2	<i>Council Performance &amp; Budget Monitoring</i>	<i>Chief Finance Officer</i>	<i>To scrutinise the latest budget information</i>
Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review – Q2 2025/26	Council Performance & Budget Monitoring	Director of People & Deputy Chief Executive	To scrutinise the latest performance data
Mental Health Act (AMPS) Assessments	Information Item	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care	To scrutinise a report providing information on AMPS
Transitions	Information Item	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care	To scrutinise a report providing information on the transition for young people into adult social care
Prosthetics Service	Scrutiny of External Organisations	NHS Kent & Medway ICB / NHS England	To determine if the changes are a Substantial Variation.
<i>KMPT and its CQC outcome</i>	<i>Scrutiny of External Organisations</i>	<i>Kent and Medway NHS &amp; Social Care Partnership Trust</i>	<i>To receive a report on the outcome of KMPT's recent CQC inspection</i>

<i>Gateway 3 Contract Award: Residential and Nursing Care</i>	<i>Pre-decision scrutiny</i>	<i>Assistant Director, Adult Social Care</i>	<i>To scrutinise a report relating to the contract for residential and nursing care before Cabinet makes its decision on 13 January 2026.</i>
<i>SECamb – response to documentary</i>	<i>Scrutiny of External Organisations</i>	<i>South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust</i>	<i>To receive a report from SECamb following the Dispatches documentary broadcast on 13 October 2025.</i>

**15 JANUARY 2026**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work type</b>	<b>Responsible officer/contact</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
<i>Adult Social Care Strategy 2026-30</i>	<i>Pre-decision scrutiny</i>	<i>Assistant Director, Adult Social Care</i>	<i>To scrutinise the draft ASC Strategy and forward comments to the Cabinet</i>
Early help offer and carers	Information Item	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care	To scrutinise a report providing information on the offer of early support in adult social care, including for carers
Update on progress against CQC Action Plan	Council Performance & Budget Monitoring	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care	To scrutinise an update on progress against the action plan following the Council's CQC inspection
Integrated Care Strategy Update	Information Item	Director of Public Health	To consider progress of the Integrated Care Strategy. (discussed at 16/1/25 meeting)

**12 MARCH 2026**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work type</b>	<b>Responsible officer/contact</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
Adult Social Care Improvement Plan progress	Information Item	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care	To scrutinise progress on the ASC Improvement Plan.
Budget Monitoring Round 3	<i>Council Performance &amp; Budget Monitoring</i>	<i>Chief Finance Officer</i>	<i>To scrutinise the latest budget information</i>
Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review – Q3 2025/26	<i>Council Performance &amp; Budget Monitoring</i>	<i>Director of People &amp; Deputy Chief Executive</i>	<i>To scrutinise the latest performance data</i>

**Date to be confirmed**

Item	Work type	Responsible officer/contact	Objectives
Primary Care Access	Information item	Director of Public Health	To receive a further update on progress in improving Primary Care access and the impact of the actions undertaken following the GP Access Task Group.  (added at 20/8/24 meeting)
Accommodation for vulnerable and at-risk adults	Information Item	Assistant Director of Adult Social Care	To consider the accommodation and housing arrangements for vulnerable and at risk adults.

**Completed work in 2025/26:****17 June 2025**

- Leadership arrangements and Care Quality Commission Inspection at Medway NHS Foundation Trust
- Kent & Medway ICB Community Services Engagement Update
- Addressing Adult Social Care (ASC) Waiting List Backlogs
- Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Strategic Risk Summary – Quarter 4 2024/25

**20 August 2025:**

- Contract award for Integrated All Age Mental Health Services in Medway
- Capital Budget Monitoring – Round 1 2025/26
- Revenue Budget Monitoring – Round 1 2025/26
- Prosthetics Limb Services
- NHS Kent and Medway ICB Change-25: ICB Transition Programme
- Kent and Medway Integrated Work and Health Strategy
- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025-28
- Hospital Discharge – Medway Adult Social Care
- Addressing safeguarding adults waiting list backlogs





# Work Programme

## Regeneration, Culture and Environment

### Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Policy framework documents: Community Safety Plan, Local Transport Plan and plans and other strategies which together comprise the Development Plan**

**11 December 2025**

Item	Work type	Responsible officer	Objectives
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Highways and Enforcement	Holding to Account		To hold the Portfolio Holder to account on performance against their portfolio
Annual Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership	Scrutiny of External organisations	Assistant Director Front Line Services and Deputy Director of Place	Annual scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership
Draft Capital and Revenue Budget 2026/27	Council Performance and Budget Monitoring	Chief Operating Officer	To consider the Council's draft capital and revenue budgets for 2026/27
Capital Budget Monitoring Round 2 2025/26	Budget Monitoring	Chief Finance Officer	To scrutinise the capital budget monitoring for round 2 2025/26
Revenue Budget Monitoring Round 2 2025/26	Budget Monitoring	Chief Finance Officer	To scrutinise the revenue budget monitoring for round 2 2025/26
Shared Prosperity Fund and Outcomes	Information Item	Assistant Director Regeneration	To update the Committee on the Shared Prosperity Fund and Outcomes
River Strategy	Pre-decision scrutiny	Assistant Director Regeneration	To consider the River Strategy prior to consideration by Cabinet
Council Plan Monitoring & Risk Register Review 2025/26 Quarter 2	Council Performance and Budget Monitoring	Chief Organisational Culture Officer	To consider performance against the Council's key measures of success for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025/26

## **20 January 2026**

Item	Work type	Responsible officer	Objectives
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness	Holding to Account		To hold the Portfolio Holder to account on performance against their portfolio
Housing Revenue Account Capital and Revenue Budgets 2026/2027	Pre-decision scrutiny	Assistant Director Culture and Community	To scrutinise the Housing Revenue Account capital and revenue budgets for 2025/26, including proposed rent and service charge levels
Annual Review of Volker's Highways Contract	Council Performance and budget monitoring	Assistant Director Front Line Services and Deputy Director of Place	To undertake an annual review of the highways contract
Infrastructure Funding Statement	Information Item	Assistant Director Culture and Community	To consider the Statement following approval by Cabinet
Annual Review of Waste Contracts	Council Performance and budget monitoring	Assistant Director Front Line Services and Deputy Director of Place	The annual review of waste contracts

## **24 March 2026**

Item	Work type	Responsible officer	Objectives
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Economic and Social Regeneration and Inward Investment	Holding to Account		To hold the Portfolio Holder to account on performance against their portfolio
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Heritage, Culture and Leisure	Holding to Account		To hold the Portfolio Holder to account on performance against their portfolio
Capital Budget Monitoring Round 3 2025/26	Budget Monitoring	Chief Finance Officer	To scrutinise the capital budget monitoring for round 3 2025/26

Revenue Budget Monitoring Round 3 2025/26	Budget Monitoring	Chief Finance Officer	To scrutinise the revenue budget monitoring for round 3 2025/26
Council Plan Monitoring & Risk Register Review 2025/26 Quarter 3	Council Performance and Budget Monitoring	Chief Organisational Culture Officer	To consider performance against the Council's key measures of success for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025/26

## **DATES TO BE DETERMINED**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work type</b>	<b>Responsible officer</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
Placing Objects on the Highway – Finalised scheme and plans for expansion to other areas of Medway	Information item	Assistant Director Front Line Services and Deputy Director of Place	To consider a scheme for the licensing of objects placed on the highway across Medway
Recycling Plan	Pre-decision scrutiny	Assistant Director Front Line Services and Deputy Director of Place/Head of Environmental Services	Added from RCE O&S Committee on 11 June 2020 Date dependent upon the adoption of the Environment Bill
Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Strategy	Pre-decision scrutiny	Assistant Director Front Line Services and Deputy Director of Place	To undertake pre-decision scrutiny of the Strategy
Safer, Healthier Streets – Proposed 11 School Streets Update	Information item	Assistant Director Front Line Services and Deputy Director of Place	To update the Committee on the progress of the Proposed 11 School Streets

Annual reports and reviews considered by this committee are:

1. Annual Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership (December)
2. Annual Review of the Waste Contracts

Note: The Annual South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership Business Plan is circulated via a Briefing Note prior to consideration by the Cabinet.