

## DRAFT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2024-25

### Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting	Issue for Scrutiny	Date of Last Report	Notes/Follow-up Action
22 May 2024	An outline of the Valuing Care Project (which involves triangulating needs with costs and outcomes to drive better value from placements, prevent entry into care and improve outcomes in the system).		
	Remuneration of Foster Carers		Added by Panel on 21 March 2024
	Careers Advice in High Schools		Chairman agreed item be added to Work Programme – February 2023
4 July 2024	Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Safeguarding Report	7 July 2023	
	The impact of Worcestershire Children First being brought back 'in house'		Added by Panel on 21 March 2024
	Forecast Outturn 2023/24 Mitigating Actions – report on progress achieved		Added by Panel on 21 March 2024
	Performance (Q4 January - March) and Year End Budget Monitoring		
25 September 2024	Update on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Accelerated Action Plan Incorporate sufficiency of SEND places in schools	6 December 2023	Added by Panel on 21 March 2024
	An update on the Valuing Care Project (which involves triangulating needs with costs and		

	outcomes to drive better value from placements, prevent entry into care and improve outcomes in the system).		
	Performance (Q1 April to June) and In-Year Budget Monitoring		
18 November 2024	Children Missing Education		Following consideration of attendance at January 2024 Panel, suggested that this wider issue could be reported back on in Autumn 2024.
	Performance (Q2 July to September) and In-Year Budget Monitoring (to include an update on the 2024/25 savings plans).		
January 2025	Scrutiny of 2025/26 Budget		
March 2025	Annual Update on Educational Performance Outcomes	21 March 2024	
	Performance (Q3 October to December) and In-Year Budget Monitoring		
	Refresh of the Scrutiny Work Programme	March 2024	
<b>Possible Future Items</b>			
TBC	Home to School Transport		
TBC	SEND – Outcome of Full Inspection		available later in 2024
<b>Standing Items</b>			
March	Education Performance outcomes		Annually
March	Refresh of the Scrutiny Work Programme	March 2024	Anually

July	Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership - Annual Safeguarding Report		Annually
November/January	Budget Scrutiny		Annually
March/July/ September/ November	Quarterly Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring		Quarterly