

**Scrutiny Annual Report:** April 2022 to March 2023

**Select Committee:** Children and Young People

**Report of Chairman:** Councillor Neville Penman

**Reviews undertaken/outcomes being monitored:**

- Update on Autism Services Commissioning for Children and Young People in Hampshire (November 22/Regular)  
Following an update received in September 2020, regular written updates were requested by the Select Committee for future meetings on progress made towards improving Autism services for children and young people in Hampshire. In addition, a full update was received in November 2022. The Select Committee considered there to be outstanding issues to solve and further steps for the project to ensure further success.

**Statutory Duties Undertaken:** Not applicable to this Committee

**Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**

- Home to School Transport Policy Public Consultation Outcomes (July 2022)  
In July 2022, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposals to the Executive Member following the Home to School Transport Policy public consultation. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Children's Services.
- Outcomes from the Consultation on Social Care Provision for Overnight Short Breaks at Firvale Residential Respite Children's Unit (October 2022)  
In October 2022, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposals to the Executive Lead Member following the consultation on social care provision for overnight short breaks at Firvale Residential Respite Children's Unit. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.
- Safeguarding Report - Children's Services (November 2022)  
In November 2022 the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the annual Safeguarding Report for Children's Services ahead of its submission to Cabinet. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being proposed to Cabinet.

**Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:**

- Following the July 2022 decision day, the Monitoring Officer received a valid Call-in request in relation to the decision taken regarding the Home to School Transport Policy Public Consultation Outcomes. The Select Committee met in July 2022 to consider the request to exercise Call-in powers, but members of the Children and Young People Select Committee agreed that they should not recommend that the Executive Lead Member for Children Services re-considers their decision.

### **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

- 2023/24 Revenue Budget Report for Children's Services (January 23)  
At the January 2023 meeting, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2023/24 budget proposals for Children's Services. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.
- Children's Services Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2025/26 (January 23)  
At the January 2023 meeting, the Select Committee also pre-scrutinised the 2023/24 to 2025/26 Capital Programme proposals for Children's Services. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.

**Policy Review:** None in this period

### **Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**

The Committee received items on the following issues:

- Youth Services in Hampshire (May 2022)
- Hampshire Youth Offending Team (HYOT) Report (May 2022)
- Corporate Parenting Board and Personal Education Plans - Progress Report (May 2022)
- Ukraine & Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children – Update (July 2022)
- Post 16 Education & Skills - An Update (July 2022)
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 0-25 Update Report – SEN Performance and Joint Working (October 2022)
- Annual Complaints Report (2021-22) and Section 30 Ombudsman Report (October 2022)
- Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) (November 2022)
- Children's Services Directorate - New Services Briefing (January 2023)
- Attainment of Children and Young People in Hampshire Schools 2022 (March 2023)
- Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service Report (March 2023)
- Hampshire Youth Offending Team (HYOT) Report (March 2023)