

# CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

<b>DATE</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>Rob Walsh (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Tracking the recommendations of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel</b>
<b>STATUS</b>	<b>Open</b>

## CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the council and the strategic partnership. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore it is integral to the delivery of the Council Plan.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each scrutiny panel monitors the progress made on their recommendations through a tracking table, which is included as an appendix of this report.

## MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed or are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources or where priorities have changed.

### 1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 Each scrutiny panel has a standard agenda item to check progress against the recommendations they have previously made.
- 1.2 Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed, so that they can be removed from the table. It would also be effective to sign off any recommendations that have not been completed but which are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources, or where priorities have changed.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 of this report lists the recommendations previously made by and which fall within the terms of reference of this panel (and its predecessor).

### 2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 Risk assessments will already have been carried out on the reports that these recommendations have come from.

- 2.2 Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

### **3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The panel's tracking report demonstrates that the panel monitors progress on its recommendations and required actions. This report further demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

### **4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial considerations included within this report, beyond scrutiny's enhanced future role in monitoring delivery of the council's budget and medium-term financial plan.

### **5. IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

- 5.1 There are no impacts on children and young people as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come from will have been assessed for any such impact.
- 5.2 Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include children and young people implications by the author(s) concerned.

### **6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come from will have been assessed for impact.
- 6.2 Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

### **7. MONITORING COMMENTS**

- 7.1 In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

### **8. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Potentially impacts on all wards.

### **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1 None

## **10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)**

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## TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<p><b>SPCLL.13 PARTNERS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHILDRENS AGENDA</b></p> <p>RESOLVED – That a scoping document be produced on the services external partners contribute to the Children Services agenda.</p>	<p>Service Director Children’s Regulated Services</p>	<p>This is included in this meeting’s agenda (Item 13 refers)</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	<p><b>SPCLL.25 2024/25 QUARTER ONE COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT</b></p> <p>RESOLVED - That transport costs be added to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel work programme for 2024/25.</p>	<p>Service Director for Education, Inclusion and Integration</p>	<p>This has been added to the work programme for a future meeting in 2024/25.</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	<p><b>SPCLL.27 CHILDREN’S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY</b></p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel Members be invited to a visit at the Integrated Front Door.</p>	<p>Scrutiny Advisor</p>	<p>In progress.</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	<p><b>SPCLL.29 SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) SPECIALIST FREE SCHOOL</b></p> <p>RESOLVED - That the SEND specialist free school be added to the 2025/26 work programme for the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.</p>	<p>Scrutiny Adviser</p>	<p>This has been added to the work programme for 2025/26.</p>

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