



**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING)  
INFORMAL MEETINGS / WORKSHOPS 2023/24**

| No. | Report/Item   | Organiser                                      |
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| 1.  | <p><b>Work Programme Session</b></p> <p>Prior to the first formal Committee meeting for the Municipal Year on 6 June 2023, an informal meeting of Committee Members and Substitutes took place to consider matters to be raised during the Municipal Year 2023/24 and a number of different matters were raised.</p>  | Debbie Campbell                                |
| 2.  | <p><b>Work Planning Session</b></p> <p>A further Work Planning Session took place on 25 July 2023.</p>  | Debbie Campbell                                |
| 3.  | <p><b>Feedback from an Ofsted Monitoring Visit</b></p> <p>An informal meeting took place on 31 August 2023, to receive information on the above. Paul Boyce, Sefton's Commissioner for Children's Services, gave a presentation and Ristardh Hare updated Committee Members on the recent Ofsted letter and the improvement journey for Children's Services. Members <b>agreed that</b> a training induction pack should be developed for new Members of the Committee.</p> | Debbie Campbell<br>Ristardh Hare<br>Paul Boyce |

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| <p>4.</p> | <p><b>Emotional Health &amp; Wellbeing Services</b></p> <p>An informal meeting with Health Partners was held on 21 September 2023, when Members received a presentation from the Cahmelions Group, which was comprised of service users aged 18 and under.</p> <p>Committee Members also received a presentation from health providers on Emotional Health and Wellbeing Services for children and young people.</p> <p>Committee Members made a number of recommendations which were subsequently approved by the Committee at its meeting on 26 September 2023.</p> | <p>Debbie Campbell / Laura Bootland</p>                             |
| <p>4.</p> | <p><b>SEND</b></p> <p><b>Ofsted Inspection Readiness</b></p> <p>An informal meeting of Committee Members was held on 16 October 2023, via MS Teams.</p> <p><b>Graduated Approach</b></p> <p>An informal meeting of Committee Members to be held on 23 November, in person.</p>  | <p>Debbie Campbell / Laura Bootland / Tricia Davies / Chris Lee</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p><b>Home Education</b></p> <p>An Informal meeting of the Committee week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, to receive a briefing on Home Education in Sefton and the Council's response to the Government consultation on home education.</p>  | <p>Debbie Campbell/Laura Bootland/ Tricia Davies</p>                |

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| 6. | <p><b>Meeting(s) with Groups</b></p> <p>To meet with the Making a Difference (MAD) Group – to be arranged.</p> <p>Sefton Parent Carers Forum – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.</p>                        | Debbie Campbell / Laura Bootland |
| 7. | <p><b>Visits</b></p> <p>To visit the Menai Wellbeing Centre – to be arranged.</p> <p>To visit Children’s Services at Magdalen House, Bootle – to be arranged.</p> <p>To visit the Sunflowers House building at Alder Hey - to be arranged.</p> | Debbie Campbell / Laura Bootland |