



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

No.	Report/Item	Organiser
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 Ristardh Hare Paul Boyce

<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 was held on 23 November, in person. A further meeting will be held in February to speak to Headteachers from various primary and secondary schools, date TBC.</p>	<p>Laura Bootland / Tricia Davies / Chris Lee</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Home Education</b></p> <p>An Informal meeting of the Committee was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 4.30pm via Teams, to receive a briefing on Home Education in Sefton and the Council's response to the Government consultation on home education.</p> <p>4 recommendations were made and are attached to the work programme report at appendix c.</p>	<p>Laura Bootland/ Tracy McKeating</p>

6.	<p><b>Improvement Board Update</b></p> <p>An informal meeting of the Committee has been arranged for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, via Teams, for the Committee to receive an update on the work of the Children’s Services Improvement Board.</p>	Laura Bootland/Joe Banham
7.	<p><b>Meeting(s) with Groups</b></p> <p>Sefton Parent Carers Forum - Members met with Sefton Parent Carers Forum on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023</p> <p>To meet with the Making a Difference (MAD) Group – to be arranged.</p>	Debbie Campbell / Laura Bootland
8.	<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