



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

No.	Report/Item	Organiser
1.	<p>Work Programme Session</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>Work Planning Session</p> <p>A further Work Planning Session took place on 25 July 2023.</p>	Debbie Campbell
3.	<p>Feedback from an Ofsted Monitoring Visit</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 agreed that a training induction pack should be developed for new Members of the Committee.</p>	Debbie Campbell Ristardh Hare Paul Boyce

<p>4.</p>	<p>Emotional Health & Wellbeing Services</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>SEND</p> <p>Ofsted Inspection Readiness</p> <p>An informal meeting of Committee Members was held on 16 October 2023, via MS Teams.</p> <p>Graduated Approach</p> <p>An informal meeting of Committee Members was held on 23 November, in person. Visits to schools took place during February with a follow up meeting held on 6th March.</p>	<p>Laura Bootland/Louise Veney/Emma Hart</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Home Education</p> <p>An Informal meeting of the Committee was held on Wednesday 10th 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>

<p>6.</p>	<p>Improvement Board Update</p> <p>An informal meeting of the Committee has been arranged for Tuesday 9th April at 10am, via Teams, for the Committee to receive an update on the work of the Children’s Services Improvement Board.</p>	<p>Laura Bootland/Joe Banham</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Meeting(s) with Groups</p> <p>Sefton Parent Carers Forum - Members met with Sefton Parent Carers Forum on Monday 4th December 2023 and Tuesday 12th December 2023</p> <p>To meet with the Making a Difference (MAD) Group – to be arranged.</p>	<p>Laura Bootland</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Visits</p> <p>To visit the Menai Wellbeing Centre – to be arranged.</p> <p>To visit Children’s Services at Magdalen House, Bootle – 26th March 2024</p> <p>To visit the Sunflowers House building at Alder Hey - to be arranged (<i>this is being looked in to by NHS partners as of March 2024</i>).</p>	<p>Laura Bootland</p>