

Work Programme 2024/25

Children's Services and Education

Scrutiny Board

Meeting Date	Item	Presented by
9 September 2024	Sandwell Children's Trust 6-month Performance Review	Emma Taylor – Chief Executive SCT
	Focus on: Residential Homes Sufficiently Strategy – current picture	
	What is being done to achieve 'good' Ofsted rating	
	Annual Regional Adoption Report	Simon Green – Adoption at Heart
	Family Help and Family Hubs – To consider: The development of Family Help across Sandwell and a partnership practice model. Family Hubs - Work being done to embed and sustain Family Hubs.	Maxine Burrows - Family Hubs Strategic Lead
11 November 2024	SEND Transformation – what work is being undertaken across SEND Services, including transport, sufficiency and place planning Service response to increases in EHCP requests	Jude Nash – Assistant Director – Inclusive Learning Services

	School Attendance – recent challenges and improvements	Louise Morris – Schools Attendance Support Service
	Introduction of ‘Care Experience’ as a protected characteristic	Rosa Da Silva - Corporate Parenting Project Officer
6 January 2025	Corporate Parenting – increasing the number of young people 19-21 accessing employment, education and training The Sandwell Offer - Providing work experience and apprenticeship opportunities for young people	Kelly Harris – Skills and Employability Service Manager
	Youth Service – how the statutory youth service is provided and what it includes	Youth Service Managers, Tariq Karim and Dawn Maleki
	Education Services: Priority Education Investment Area Plan	Julie Andrews – Assistant Director: Education Services
24 March 2025	Sandwell Children’s Trust 6-month Performance Review Focus on: Residential Homes Sufficiently Strategy – update Peer Review	Emma Taylor – Chief Executive SCT
	Early Years - Implementing the DfE National Wraparound Programme and the Extended Entitlement offer	Sara Baber - Early Years Lead
	Child-friendly Sandwell – progress update	Samantha Harman – Child Friendly Sandwell

Items to be scheduled

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