

# Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Draft Work Programme  
2024-2025



# 11 July 2024 Draft Agenda



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| Appointments/TOR | <b>Vice Chair appointment and TOR</b>                                   | Appoint committee Vice Chair and agree terms of reference  | <b>Cllr Abdul Mannan</b> , Chair of CESSC  |
| Spotlight        | <b>Youth Services</b>   | To review progress made in rolling out Youth Services and feed into the development of a new Young Tower Hamlets Strategy. | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b> , Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth, and Lifelong Learning<br><b>Steve Reddy</b> , Corporate Director, Children's Services<br><b>Fetuma Hassan</b> , Young Mayor of LBTH |
| Spotlight        | <b>Cabinet Member and Corporate Director Reflections and Priorities</b> | To share reflections on work in the portfolio area in the last year and priorities for Children's Services for 2024-25.    | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b> , Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth, and Lifelong Learning<br><b>Steve Reddy</b> , Corporate Director, Children's Services   |
| Work Programme   | <b>Draft CESSC Work Programme 2024-25</b>                               | To review the draft CESSC Work Programme for 2024-25.  | <b>Cllr Abdul Mannan</b> , Chair of CESSC  |



# 17 October 2024 Draft Agenda



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| Spotlight | <b>Early Help Offer</b>                                | Review progress in developing an early help offer for families with partners, including a family hub approach.  | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b> , Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth, and Lifelong Learning<br><b>Steve Reddy</b> , Corporate Director, Children's Services<br><b>Susanna Beasley Murray</b> , Director, Children's Social Care |
| Spotlight | <b>Inspection Preparation – Children's Social Care</b> | To review the preparation for the upcoming inspection of Children's Social Care (ILACS).  | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b><br><b>Steve Reddy</b><br><b>Susanna Beasley Murray</b>  |
| Spotlight | <b>Inspection Preparation – Area SEND Inspection</b>   | Review progress delivering the SEND Improvement programme and readiness for Area SEND Inspection, including performance against key measures such as the timeliness of EHCPs. | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b><br><b>Steve Reddy</b><br><b>Lisa Fraser</b> , Director of Education   |



# 5 December 2024 Draft Agenda



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| Spotlight | <b>Youth Justice Improvement Work</b>            | Review Youth Justice improvement work since the previous judgement and YSJIP Peer review and readiness for expected Youth Justice inspection. | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b> , Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth, and Lifelong Learning<br><b>Steve Reddy</b> , Corporate Director, Children's Services<br><b>Susanna Beasley Murray</b> , Director Children's Social Care |
| Spotlight | <b>Corporate Parenting</b>                       | Review delivery of Corporate Parenting Strategy   | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b><br><b>Steve Reddy</b><br><b>Susanna Beasley Murray</b>   |
| Spotlight | <b>Children and Young People's Mental Health</b> | Review council and partnership support provided to children and young people at risk of poor mental health.                                   | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b><br><b>Steve Reddy</b><br><b>Layla Richards</b> , Director for Commissioning and Youth  |



# 13 February 2025 Draft Agenda



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| Spotlight | <b>Free School Meals</b>   | To review the implementation of free school meals and assess the quality and value provided to students. | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b> , Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth, and Lifelong Learning<br><b>Steve Reddy</b> , Corporate Director of Children's Services<br><b>Layla Richards</b> , Director for Commissioning and Youth |
| Spotlight | <b>KS5 Educational Attainment and Institute of Academic Excellence</b> | Review and feed into development of new Education Strategy and KS5 Improvement Plan.                     | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b><br><b>Steve Reddy</b><br><b>Lisa Fraser</b> , Director of Education   |
| Spotlight | <b>School Curriculum</b>   | Examine the inclusion of RSE and PHSE in school curriculum and directives issued by Tower Hamlets.       | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b><br><b>Steve Reddy</b><br><b>Lisa Fraser</b>   |



# 8 May 2025 Draft Agenda



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| Tracking Recommendations | <b>Child Healthy Weight</b>           | To track the implementation of recommendations from the scrutiny challenge session on Child Healthy Weight | <b>Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury</b> , Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care<br><b>Katy Scammel</b> , Associate Director of Public Health                   |
| Spotlight                | <b>Children’s Safeguarding Work</b>   | Annual review of the work of the Children’s Safeguarding Partnership.                                      | <b>Cllr Maium Talukdar</b> , Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth, and Lifelong Learning<br><b>Steve Reddy</b> , Corporate Director, Children’s Services |
| Challenge Session        | <b>Challenge Session Report 24-25</b> | Review and comment on the Challenge Session Report 24-25 (Subject TBC)                                     | <b>Cllr Abdul Mannan</b> , Chair of CESSC  |



## Additional Items

- **Challenge Session – Subject TBC**
- **Regular performance briefings** to be shared with the Committee across the scrutiny year, with a particular focus on preparation for expected inspections.
- **Briefing on potential change in national government and its impact on Children’s Services** following the United Kingdom election on 4 July 2024 to be shared with the committee.
- Ensuring the **Young Mayor and Young Scrutineers** are regularly invited to participate in scrutiny activities across the Work Programme.

