

Children’s and Education Scrutiny Committee – Actions 2023

| | Date/Committee Item | Action | Update |
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| 12 | 23-3-23 – Education Standards | SJ to provide examples of detailed information from schools in intervention categories, and an example of traits of a good school, to allow understanding of how these schools had achieved this | Information Circulated August 2023 |
| 13 | 23-3-23 – Education Standards | SJ/GD to provide information comparing our non-selective schools to those elsewhere by looking at the national averages as most other areas were non-selective. | Information Circulated August 2023 |
| 14 | 23-3-23 – Education Standards | SJ/GD to provide education standards information relating to geographical areas | Information Circulated August 2023 |
| 15 | 23-3-23 – Update on social worker recruitment and retention | JM to share a central government paper on social worker recruitment and retention | Information circulated August 2023 |
| 16 | 23-3-23 – Update on social worker recruitment and retention | JM to investigate the suitability of transcription software for social workers and report back to committee | The Principal Social Worker will be running a number of focus groups with front line staff during the summer term to understand what hardware/software would assist them in their roles. Following this, a report will be presented to the Children’s Services Leadership Team for consideration. |
| 17 | 15-6-23 – Children’s Services Update | RN to provide a more detailed written response with regards to the social worker salaries, roles and conditions of service | Once the govt has provided further information on what changes will be implemented in order to standardise agency social worker rates, information will be fed back to the committee |

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| 18 | 15-6-23 – Children’s Services Update | More information required on the digitalisation of EHCPs | At this stage, there is limited information available. The intention is that EHC plans will be standardised nationally from 2025, with increased use of digital technology. |
| 19 | 15-6-23 Children’s Services Update | United Nations Committee – Rights of the Child - observations on academic testing | Cllr Cranmer sent response to Cllr Lewin |
| 20 | 15-6-23 Children’s Services Update | More information required on SEND co-production charter | Information circulated August 2023 |
| 21 | 15-6-23 Children’s Services Update | More information required on addressing the deficit of funding in the high needs block | Information circulated August 2023 |
| 22 | 15-6-23 Children’s Services Transformation | A comprehensive response on funding available for projected spend was requested | Whilst the Government’s strategy ‘Stable homes; Built on Love’ commits £200 million in additional funding to support children’s social care; there is no further detail available currently on how much Buckinghamshire will receive. |
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