

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Draft Committee Work Programme 2025/2026

SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE

- The interests of young people, including education, care and protection and family support

Meeting dates

- Scheduled Committee Meetings: 18 June 2025, 17 September 2025, 17 December 2025, 25 March 2026 in person.
- Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings: 16 June 2025, 16 September 2025, 16 December 2025, 23 March 2026 via Teams.

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Report
Wednesday 18 June 2025	Young Person's Champion Annual Report 2024/2025	Summary of Young Person's Champion Annual Report 2024/2025	Cllr Alyson Baker (Young Person's Champion)
	AI and how North Yorkshire Council is utilising AI techniques	Summary of how Children and Young People's Services utilise AI and what the future looks like	Stuart Carlton (Corporate Director) Jonny Hoyle (Development Lead Child Permanence)
	Children's Wellbeing Bill	Summary of the Children's Wellbeing Bill and implications for North Yorkshire Council	Stuart Carlton (Corporate Director)
Wednesday 17 September 2025	Child Death Overview Panel – Annual Report 2024/2025 – emailed Anita 27/1	Summary of Child Death Overview Panel – Annual Report 2024/2025	Anita Dobson (Chair of the Child Death Overview Panel) Hannah Ellingworth (Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager)
	North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2024/2025	Summary of North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2024/2025	Heather Pearson (Chair of NYSCP and Independent Scrutineer)

	Minority Inclusion Support	Update on the Minority Inclusion Support provided by North Yorkshire Council	Barbara Merrygold (Head of Early Help)
Wednesday 17 December 2025	Foster Care Update	Numbers of children in care and of foster carers	Mel Hutchinson (Assistant Director Children and Families) Rosie Appleby (Head of Placement Support)
	SEND Update	Progress update of the SEND action plan	Amanda Newbold (Assistant Director Inclusion) Chris Reynolds (Head of SEND Strategic Planning and Resource)
	SEND Employment Forum	Update on the SEND Employment Forum	Amanda Newbold (Assistant Director Inclusion) Chris Reynolds (Head of SEND Strategic Planning and Resource)
Wednesday 25 March 2026	Schools Update	Update on North Yorkshire Schools and Academies in relation to performance, funding and strategic planning.	Amanda Newbold (Assistant Director Inclusion)
	School Attendance Update	Update on attendance and exclusion of primary and secondary school children in North Yorkshire	Amanda Newbold (Assistant Director
	North Yorkshire SACRE Annual Report 2024/2025	Annual update/presentation to the committee.	Julie Pattison (Principal Adviser Monitoring, School Improvement Team)

	Adoption Update	Adoption Processes and Support	Mel Hutchinson (Assistant Director Children and Families) Rosie Appleby (Head of Placement Support)
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ITEMS FOR MID CYCLE BRIEFINGS

DATE	POTENTIAL ITEM
Tuesday 1 April 2025 (in respect of the Committee meeting on 18 June 2025)	To be determined
Tuesday 5 August 2025 (in respect of the Committee meeting on 17 September 2025)	To be determined
Wednesday 5 November 2025 (in respect of the Committee meeting on 17 December 2025)	To be determined
Monday 19 January 2026 (in respect of the Committee meeting on 25 March 2026)	To discuss draft work programme for 2026/27

Mid Cycle Briefings are attended by the Chair, Vice Chair and Group Spokespersons only.

Please note that the work programme is under continuous review and items may be rescheduled several times during the year.