

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: 1 April 2025, 5 August 2025, 17 November 2025, 19 January 2026, 21 April 2026 via Teams.

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Report
Wednesday 18 June 2025	Young People's Champion Annual Report 2024/2025	To receive the annual report	Cllr Alyson Baker (Young People's Champion)
	Minority Inclusion Support	Update on the Minority Inclusion Support provided by North Yorkshire Council	Barbara Merrygold (Head of Early Help)
	Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill	Summary of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill and implications for North Yorkshire Council	Stuart Carlton (Corporate Director)
Wednesday 17 September 2025	Briefing relating to the Post Implementation Review of the Home to School Travel Policy	A briefing on the post implementation review (PIR)	Amanda Fielding (Assistant Director, Inclusion)
	Performance Report for Quarter 1 2025-26	Summary of the latest Children and Families performance report	Alice Fox (Senior Scrutiny Officer) Chris Watson (Corporate Strategy and Performance Lead)

	Foster Service Update	Number of children in care and of foster carers	Mel Hutchinson (Assistant Director, Children and Families) Rosie Appleby (Head of Placement Support)
	North Yorkshire Council Adoption Service	Adoption Processes and Support	Mel Hutchinson (Assistant Director, Children and Families) Rosie Appleby (Head of Placement Support)
Wednesday 17 December 2025	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)
	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	Jonny Hoyle (Group Manager for Leaving Care)
	SEND and Inclusion Update	Progress update	Amanda Fielding (Assistant Director, Inclusion) Chris Reynolds (Head of SEND Strategic Planning and Resource)
	Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report 2024/2025	To receive and note the annual report	Anita Dobson (Chair of the Child Death Overview Panel)
Wednesday 25 March 2026	School Attendance Update	Update on attendance and exclusion of primary and secondary school children in North Yorkshire	Amanda Fielding (Assistant Director)
	North Yorkshire SACRE Annual Report 2024/2025	Annual update to the committee	Julie Pattison (Principal Adviser Monitoring, School Improvement Team)

	Performance Monitoring Data	Bi-annual summary of the latest Children and Families performance report	Alice Fox (Senior Scrutiny Officer)
--	-----------------------------	--	---

ITEMS FOR MID CYCLE BRIEFINGS

DATE	POTENTIAL ITEM
Tuesday 1 April 2025, 11am-12pm (in respect of the Committee meeting on 18 June 2025)	To be determined
Tuesday 5 August 2025, 10-11am (in respect of the Committee meeting on 17 September 2025)	To be determined
Monday 17 November 2025, 3-4pm (in respect of the Committee meeting on 17 December 2025)	Neurodiverse Member Champion report
Monday 19 January 2026, 10-11am (in respect of the Committee meeting on 25 March 2026)	To discuss draft work programme for 2026/27
Tuesday 21 April 2026, 10-11am (in respect of the Committee meeting in June 2026)	To agree 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.