

Notice of Meeting

Children & Education Select Committee



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

Date & time

Monday, 27 January
2014 at 10am

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Elected Members

Mrs Liz Bowes, Mr Ben Carasco, Mr Robert Evans, Mr Denis Fuller (Vice-Chairman), Dr Zully Grant-Duff (Chairman), Mr Ken Gulati, Mr Colin Kemp, Mrs Stella Lallement, Mrs Mary Lewis, Mrs Marsha Moseley, Mr Chris Townsend and Miss Marisa Heath

Independent Representatives:

Cecile White (Parent Governor Representative), Duncan Hewson (Parent Governor Representative), Derek Holbird (Diocesan Representative for the Anglican Church) and Mary Reynolds (Diocesan Representative for the Catholic Church)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee is responsible for the following areas:

Children's Services (including Looked after children, Fostering, Adoption, Child Protection, Children with disabilities, and Transition)

Schools and Learning

Services for Young People (including Surrey Youth Support Service)

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 28 NOVEMBER 2013

(Pages
1 - 12)

To agree the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

Notes:

- In line with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, declarations may relate to the interest of the member, or the member's spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom the member is living as husband or wife, or a person with whom the member is living as if they were civil partners and the member is aware they have the interest.
- Members need only disclose interests not currently listed on the Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of any interests disclosed at the meeting so they may be added to the Register.
- Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

4 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

To receive any questions or petitions.

Notes:

1. The deadline for Member's questions is 12.00pm four working days before the meeting (21 January 2014).
2. The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (20 January 2014).
3. The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, and no petitions have been received.

5 RESPONSES FROM THE CABINET TO ISSUES REFERRED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE

The Committee did not refer any items to Cabinet at its last meeting, so there are no responses to report.

6 SURREY'S LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS

(Pages
13 - 98)

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services

The reports for this item begin with an introductory overview report. It is the contextual introduction to be read in conjunction with the Lead Member's report and Outcomes for Looked after Children report. Together with other statutory annual reports it reviews the key Corporate Parenting responsibilities and outcome for Surrey's Looked after Children and care leavers.

The accompanying suite of reports provides commentary on this Looked after Children's system as follows:

- **Overview of Governance** – This is addressed by the Lead Member's Report. This is a statutory report as required under the Children Act 2004. [Annexe 1].
- **Placement and Care - Fostering** – This is addressed through the Fostering Statement of Purpose. This is a statutory report as required under the Fostering Regulations 2011. The Fostering Service provides a range of placements, both short and long term, for children who are in our care. [Annexe 2].
- **Placement and Care - Adoption** – This is addressed through the Adoption Statement of Purpose [Annexe 3] and Adoption annual report 2012/13 as required under the Adoption Regulations 2011, considering the services we manage to provide permanent placements for children. [Annexe 4].
- **Outcomes for Looked after Children** – This is a report that considers the indicators and measures we use to assess our performance and the impact of our work in looking after children who are in the care of Surrey on their outcomes and achievements. [Annexe 5].

The meeting will be structured into sessions to address each of these four areas in turn.

7 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - REVIEW OF HEALTH AND DENTAL CHECKS - CHILDREN IN CARE 2013/14 (Pages 99 - 104)

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services

To review the summary of audit findings and Management Action Plan produced as a result of an internal audit review of health and dental checks for children in care.

8 CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2012-2013 (Pages 105 - 128)

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services

To note the contents of the Children's Services Annual Complaints Report 2012-13 and make recommendations as appropriate.

9 INFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE MEMBER REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE (Pages 129 - 132)

Purpose of the report:

To update the Committee on discussions that took place with the Head of Commissioning and Development for Young People in relation to the Skills for the Future strand of the Public Service Transformation Programme.

10 RECOMMENDATION TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

(Pages
133 - 144)

The Committee is asked to monitor progress on the implementation of recommendations from previous meetings, and to review its Forward Work Programme.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10.30am on 27 March 2014.

**David McNulty
Chief Executive**

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