### **Notice of Meeting**

# **Children & Education Select Committee**



Date & time Thursday, 27 November 2014 at 10.30 am

Place
Ashcombe Suite,
County Hall, Kingston
upon Thames, Surrey
KT1 2DN

Contact
Andrew Spragg or Rianna
Hanford
Room 122, County Hall
Tel 020 8213 2673 or 020
8213 2662

Chief Executive David McNulty

andrew.spragg@surreycc.gov.uk or rianna.hanford@surreycc.gov.uk

If you would like a copy of this agenda or the attached papers in another format, eg large print or braille, or another language please either call 020 8541 9068, write to Democratic Services, Room 122, County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN, Minicom 020 8541 8914, fax 020 8541 9009, or email andrew.spragg@surreycc.gov.uk or rianna.hanford@surreycc.gov.uk.

This meeting will be held in public. If you would like to attend and you have any special requirements, please contact Andrew Spragg or Rianna Hanford on 020 8213 2673 or 020 8213 2662.

#### **Elected Members**

Dr Zully Grant-Duff (Chairman), Mr Denis Fuller (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Liz Bowes, Mr Ben Carasco, Mr Robert Evans, Mr David Goodwin, Mr Ken Gulati, Mrs Margaret Hicks, Mr Colin Kemp, Mrs Mary Lewis, Mrs Marsha Moseley and Mr Chris Townsend

### **Independent Representatives:**

Cecile White (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: 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

(Pages 1 - 6)

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 (*Friday 21 November*).
- 2. The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (*Thursday 20 November*).
- 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

(Pages 7 - 10)

On 10 July 2014 the Committee made a series of recommendations concerning the re-commissioning of Services for Young People, and the proposed University Technical College bid. These recommendations were considered by the Cabinet on 23 September 2014 and a response is attached.

### **6 SURREY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

(Pages 11 - 76)

Purpose of report: Scrutiny of Services and Budgets

The purpose of this session will be to consider and review how all partners within Surrey worked together to fulfil their statutory duties for the period April 2013 to March 2014, whilst providing context for the following sessions.

### 7 SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL AND SAFEGUARDING UNIT REPORT

To follow

Purpose of report: Scrutiny of Services

This item will seek to explore how the County Council and partners work to protect children and young people from harm. The attached report has been prepared by the Head of Children's Safeguarding to update on areas identified by the Committee last year, and other priority areas.

Witnesses from both Surrey Police and Guildford and Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will also be in attendance to answer questions about how the Council and key partners work together.

### 8 SCHOOLS AND SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Purpose of the item: Scrutiny of Services

This item will explore how Surrey County Council and schools work together to protect children and young people from harm.

### 9 CHILDRENS SERVICES ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT

(Pages 77 - 96)

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services/ Performance Management

To provide an executive summary of the Children's Services Annual Complaint Report 2013-14, highlighting:

Learning arising from complaints. What we are doing well.

What we need to improve.

### 10 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT: REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN'S FINANCES

(Pages 97 - 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 administration of Looked After Children's Finances.

### 11 SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TASK GROUP - INTERIM REPORT

(Pages 105 -

Purpose of the report: Policy Development

118)

This report sets out the interim findings of the School Governance Task Group. It focuses on the appointment and role of Local Authority Governors and lists proposed recommendations for the Committee's consideration.

Further findings will be detailed in the final report.

## 12 RECOMMENDATION TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

(Pages 119 - The Committee is asked to monitor progress on the implementation of recommendations from previous meetings, and to review its Forward Work Programme.

### 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10.00am on Monday 26 January.

David McNulty Chief Executive

Published: Wednesday, 19 November 2014

### MOBILE TECHNOLOGY AND FILMING - ACCEPTABLE USE

Those attending for the purpose of reporting on the meeting may use social media or mobile devices in silent mode to send electronic messages about the progress of the public parts of the meeting. To support this, County Hall has wifi available for visitors – please ask at reception for details.

Anyone is permitted to film, record or take photographs at council meetings with the Chairman's consent. Please liaise with the council officer listed in the agenda prior to the start of the meeting so that the Chairman can grant permission and those attending the meeting can be made aware of any filming taking place.

Use of mobile devices, including for the purpose of recording or filming a meeting, is subject to no interruptions, distractions or interference being caused to the PA or Induction Loop systems, or any general disturbance to proceedings. The Chairman may ask for mobile devices to be switched off in these circumstances.

It is requested that if you are not using your mobile device for any of the activities outlined above, it be switched off or placed in silent mode during the meeting to prevent interruptions and interference with PA and Induction Loop systems.

Thank you for your co-operation