

Notice of Meeting

Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee

**Date & time**

Wednesday, 6
December 2023 at
10.00 am

Place

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Elected Members

Fiona Davidson (Chair), Jonathan Essex, Bob Hughes, Rebecca Jennings-Evans, Rachael Lake, Bernie Muir, John O'Reilly, Mark Sugden, Ashley Tilling, Liz Townsend, Chris Townsend (Vice-Chair), Jeremy Webster (Vice-Chair) and Fiona White.

Independent Representatives:

Mr Simon Parr (Diocesan Representative for the Catholic Church) and Mr Alex Tear (Diocesan Representative for the Anglican Church, Diocese of Guildford)

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 2 OCTOBER

(Pages 5
- 18)

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting of the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter:

- I. Any disclosable pecuniary interests and / or
- II. Other interests arising under the Code of Conduct in respect of any item(s) of business being considered at this meeting

NOTES:

- Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest
- As well as an interest of the Member, this includes any interest, of which the Member is aware, that relates to the Member's spouse or civil partner (or any person with whom the Member is living as a spouse or civil partner)
- Members with a significant personal interest may participate in the discussion and vote on that matter unless that interest could be reasonably regarded as prejudicial.

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 (*30 November 2023*).
2. The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (*29 November 2023*)
3. The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, and no petitions have been received.

The public retain their right to submit questions for written response, with such answers recorded in the minutes of the meeting; questioners may participate in meetings to ask a supplementary question. Petitioners may address the Committee on their petition for up to three minutes. Guidance will be made available to any member of the public wishing to speak at a

meeting.

5 ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PLAN (Pages 19 - 34)

To review the actions and recommendations tracker and forward work programme, making suggestions for additions of amendments as appropriate.

6 HOME TO SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE (Pages 35 - 106)

Purpose of report: To review the handling of applications for Home to School Travel Assistance at the start of the 2023/24 academic year, after a learning review that followed a change in policy implemented in 2022.

7 2024/25 DRAFT BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2028/29 (Pages 107 - 154)

Scrutiny of the Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy in relation to areas within the select committee's remit.

8 CHILDREN'S HOMES - OFSTED REPORTS PUBLISHED SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE (Pages 155 - 164)

The Select Committee will receive Ofsted reports on Surrey County Council-run Children's Homes in its agenda, as part of a communications plan agreed in June 2022.

9 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW (Pages 165 - 180)

The Select Committee is apprised of the latest CFL performance information, which consists of:

- (a) Key indicators in children's social care measuring progress made in Ofsted recommendations following the January 2022 inspection of Surrey Local Authority Children's Services;
- (b) Key indicators relating to the additional needs strategy and EHCP timeliness recovery plan;
- (c) Turnover of social workers and foster carers to measure progress in the Children's Recruitment, Retention and Culture Workforce Planning Strategy;
- (d) External assessments of all areas within the Committee's remit.

10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next public meeting of the committee will be held on 15 February 2024.

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