

## Notice of Meeting

# Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee

**Date & time**

Thursday, 15  
February 2024 at  
10.00 am

**Place**

Woodhatch Place, 11  
Cockshot Hill, Reigate,  
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**This meeting will be held in public. If you would like to attend and you have any special requirements, please contact Julie Armstrong, Scrutiny Officer.**

**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-Chairman), Jeremy Webster (Vice-Chairman) and Fiona White

**Independent Representatives:**

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

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee is responsible for the following areas:

- Children's Services (including safeguarding)
- Early Help
- Corporate Parenting
- Education
- Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities
- Adult Learning
- Apprenticeships
- Libraries, Arts and Heritage
- Voluntary Sector

## AGENDA

### 1/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

### 2/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 6 DECEMBER 2023

(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.

### 3/24 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.

### 4/24 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 (*19 June 2020*).
2. The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (*18 June 2020*)
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.

**5/24 ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PLAN** (Pages 19 - 50)

For the Select Committee to review the actions and recommendations tracker and forward work programme, making suggestions for additions or amendments as appropriate.

**6/24 ALTERNATIVE PROVISION** (Pages 51 - 70)

**Purpose:** To assess how well Surrey's Alternative Provision meets the needs of Children and Young People in the county, and how well it enables them to maximise their potential in both adolescence and adulthood.

**7/24 FOSTER CARER SUFFICIENCY** (Pages 71 - 90)

**Purpose:** To understand whether Surrey County Council's current strategy to recruit and retain foster carers will be successful in improving the sufficiency of homes for Looked After Children.

**8/24 CHILDREN'S HOMES - OFSTED REPORTS PUBLISHED SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE** (Pages 91 - 100)

Purpose of report: **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.**

**9/24 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW** (Pages 101 - 144)

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

- (a) External assessments of all areas within the Committee's remit;
- (b) 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;
- (c) Performance against targets in the EHCP timeliness recovery plan;
- (d) Turnover of social workers and foster carers to measure progress in the Children's Recruitment, Retention and Culture Workforce Planning Strategy.

**10/24 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 17 APRIL 2024**

The next public meeting of the committee will be held on 17 April 2024.

**Joanna Killian**

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