

## Notice of Meeting

# Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee



### Date and Time

Tuesday  
3 December 2024  
10.00 am

### Place

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### **Elected Members:**

Fiona Davidson (Guildford South-East) (Chair), Jonathan Essex (Redhill East), Bob Hughes (Shere), Rebecca Jennings-Evans (Lightwater, West End and Bisley), Frank Kelly (Merstham & Banstead South), Rachael Lake BEM (Walton), Bernie Muir (Epsom West), John O'Reilly (Hersham), Ashley Tilling (Walton South & Oatlands), Liz Townsend (Cranleigh & Ewhurst), Chris Townsend (Ashted) (Vice-Chairman), Jeremy Webster (Caterham Hill) (Vice-Chairman) and Fiona White (Guildford West)

### **Independent Representatives:**

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

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## **AGENDA**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

To report any apologies for absence and substitutions.

### **2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 14 NOVEMBER 2024**

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:

1. Any disclosable pecuniary interests; or
2. 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.

The public retain their right to submit questions for a 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.

#### **NOTES:**

- a. The deadline for Member's questions is 12.00pm four working days before the meeting (27 November 2024).
- b. The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (26 November 2024).
- c. The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, and no petitions have been received.

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| <b>5</b>  | <b>CABINET RESPONSE TO SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>  | (Pages<br>5 - 8)        |
|           | To note the most recent Cabinet responses to the Committee's past recommendations.   |                         |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME</b>  | (Pages<br>9 - 18)       |
|           | To review the actions and recommendations tracker and forward work programme, making suggestions for additions of amendments as appropriate. |                         |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>2025/26 DRAFT BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2029/30</b>  | (Pages<br>19 - 66)      |
|           | Scrutiny of the Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy in relation to areas within the select committee's remit.                    |                         |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>MODERNISATION OF THE LIBRARIES ESTATE</b>   | (Pages<br>67 - 82)      |
|           | Scrutinise modernisation of the Library Estate as part of the Library and Cultural Services Transformation programme.                        |                         |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>ALTERNATIVE PROVISION UPDATE</b>  | (Pages<br>83 - 92)      |
|           | To receive an update following recommendations made by the Committee in February 2024.   |                         |
| <b>10</b> | <b>CHILDREN'S HOMES - OFSTED REPORTS PUBLISHED SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE</b>  | (Pages<br>93 -<br>102)  |
|           | To receive Ofsted reports on Surrey County Council-run Children's Homes.   |                         |
| <b>11</b> | <b>PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW</b>  | (Pages<br>103 -<br>118) |
|           | To receive an overview of Children, Families and Lifelong Learning performance to help inform future Committee business.                     |                         |
| <b>12</b> | <b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>  |                         |
|           | The next public meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 13 March 2025.   |                         |

**Terence Herbert**  
**Chief Executive**

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## **QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

Cabinet and most committees will consider questions by elected Surrey County Council Members and questions and petitions from members of the public who are electors in the Surrey County Council area.

### **Please note the following regarding questions from the public:**

1. Members of the public can submit one written question to a meeting by the deadline stated in the agenda. Questions should relate to general policy and not to detail. Questions are asked and answered in public and cannot relate to “confidential” or “exempt” matters (for example, personal or financial details of an individual); for further advice please contact the committee manager listed on the front page of an agenda.
2. The number of public questions which can be asked at a meeting may not exceed six. Questions which are received after the first six will be held over to the following meeting or dealt with in writing at the Chairman’s discretion.
3. Questions will be taken in the order in which they are received.
4. Questions will be asked and answered without discussion. The Chairman or Cabinet members may decline to answer a question, provide a written reply or nominate another Member to answer the question.
5. Following the initial reply, one supplementary question may be asked by the questioner. The Chairman or Cabinet members may decline to answer a supplementary question.