

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: [Access the online meeting here](#)
Date: Tuesday 2 March 2021
Time: 2.00 pm

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Non-Elected Voting Members:

Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocesan RC Representative
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Ms Sarah Busby	Secondary Head Teacher Representative
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Pre-meeting information briefing

The meeting will be preceded by a presentation starting at **1.00pm**, on Microsoft Teams.

Topic: Covid-19 update.

All members and substitutes of the Children's Select Committee are welcome to attend.

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PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 9 - 22*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 January 2021.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4 **Chairman's Announcements** (*Pages 23 - 26*)

To receive any announcements through the Chairman, including:

- **Covid-19 update**

The latest update provided to Cabinet on 2 February 2021 (and also considered by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 26 January 2021) can be accessed [here](#).

The Covid-19 update was the topic of the committee's briefing session, which took place just before this meeting. Furthermore, members of the committee were invited to submit questions in advance to ensure that comprehensive responses could be provided. The questions and responses will be circulated with the minutes for this meeting.

- **Corporate Parenting Panel update**

The attached document provides an update on the activities that have taken place since Corporate Parenting Panel's last full update to Council (October 2020).

5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so by 5pm on **26 February 2021**.

Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution.

Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named on the front of this agenda no later than 5pm on **Tuesday 23 February 2021** in order to be guaranteed of a written response. In order to receive a verbal response questions must be submitted no later than 5pm on **Thursday 25 February 2021**. Please contact the officer named on the front of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

6 **FACT (families and children's transformation) programme update**

Following consideration of an update at its meeting on [10 March 2020](#), the committee had requested a further update on the FACT (families and children's transformation) programme at its March 2021 meeting, to be informed of:

- improved outcome for young people;
- figures on savings / costs avoided to demonstrate the impact of the FACT programme;
- achievements such as number of Five to Thrive champions trained, outcome / learning from the Multi-Agency Use of CMS, outcome of performance reviews, etc.

7 **Youth Voice Update** (Pages 27 - 30)

Following the brief update provided at its meeting on 19 January 2021, the committee requested a further update to include:

- impact (both positive and negative) of this current (third) lockdown;
- impact from the implementation of the new Youth Voice team (including team structure and roles);
- the Youth Voice team's action plan;
- evaluation of the impact of the youth consultant role.

8 **Adoption West Joint Scrutiny Panel - Draft annual report (2020-2021)** (Pages 31 - 54)

To consider the draft annual report (2020-21) of the Adoption West Joint Scrutiny Panel.

As this is the first annual report produced by the scrutiny panel, it would welcome comments and suggestions on contents and format to ensure that future years reports provide the Children's Select Committee with the information it requires, in an accessible format.

This report, once finalised, will be presented to the Children's Select Committee in May (or nearest meeting to May) to coincide with the committee also considering the Adoption West's six-monthly report and Wiltshire Council's report on its own performance relating to adoption (permanency planning).

9 **Executive response to the Final Report of the Youth Transport Task Group**
(Pages 55 - 60)

The Youth Transport task group's final report was considered by the committee on 10 March 2020 (can be accessed [here](#)). In accordance with the agreed overview and scrutiny arrangements under Covid-19, it was agreed that the executive response would be deferred until this meeting.

10 **Executive Response to the Final Report of the Traded Services for Schools and Outdoor Education task group** *(Pages 61 - 66)*

The Traded Services for Schools and Outdoor Education task group's final reports were considered by the committee on 10 March 2020 (can be accessed [here](#)). In accordance with the agreed overview and scrutiny arrangements under Covid-19, it was agreed that the executive response would be deferred until this meeting.

The final report of the task group was split into two for ease of reading, however a single Executive Response is provided (as there was only one remaining recommendation regarding Outdoor Education)

11a **Early Years and Childcare sufficiency** *(Pages 67 - 88)*

To receive information on places available (and demand) in Early Years and Childcare settings across Wiltshire.

12 **Children's Select Committee - review of the committee's work (2017-21)**
(Pages 89 - 110)

To consider and approve the committee's review of its work (2017-21) before it is presented to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 9 March 2021. This includes key activities and achievements as well as recommended ongoing Overview and Scrutiny work under the new Council.

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 8 June 2021 starting at 2.30pm.

14 **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter

of urgency.

PART II

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

None