

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Children's Select Committee  
**Place:** Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN  
**Date:** Thursday 21 September 2023  
**Time:** 10.30 am

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## **Pre-meeting information briefing**

The meeting will be preceded by a presentation starting at **9:30am** on Alternative Provision.

Alternative Provision (AP) is defined as 'education outside school, arranged by local authorities or schools themselves' and is full-time education. Local authorities can arrange education for young people, who because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education.

## **Membership:**

Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chairman)  
Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Helen Belcher OBE  
Cllr Mary Champion  
Cllr Caroline Corbin  
Cllr Carole King  
Cllr Kathryn MacDermid

Cllr Kelvin Nash  
Cllr Antonio Piazza  
Cllr Mike Sankey  
Cllr Jo Trigg  
Cllr Mark Verbinnen  
Cllr Bridget Wayman

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## **Substitutes:**

Cllr Trevor Carbin  
Cllr Daniel Cave  
Cllr Adrian Foster  
Cllr Johnny Kidney  
Cllr Jack Oatley

Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney  
Cllr Martin Smith  
Cllr Iain Wallis  
Cllr Ricky Rogers

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**Non-Elected Voting Members:**

Dr Mike Thompson

Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

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**Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:**

Nikki Barnett

Further Education Representative

John Hawkins

School Teacher Representative

Maisy Humphrey

Children & Young People's Representative

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Children & Young People's Representative -  
Substitute

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

### **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 - 20*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 July 2023.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chairman.

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 at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named on the front of the agenda for any further clarification.

### 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 **14 September 2023** 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 **Monday 18 September**. 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 **Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Strategy**

The Committee will receive an update with a focus on the CYP element of the strategy.

7 **Outcome of the SEND LGA Peer Review**

The Committee will receive a report from Helean Hughes on the outcome of the LGA Peer Review of Wiltshire Council's SEND Strategy.

8 **Children Missing Out on Education**

The Committee will receive a report from Kathryn Davis on Wiltshire Council's Strategy for children missing out on education.

9 **Elective Home Education**

The Committee will receive a report from Kathryn Davis on Wiltshire Council's Strategy for supporting parents who choose to home educate their children.

10 **Task Group Report - Youth Provision and Area Board Youth Funding**  
(Pages 21 - 44)

To report the findings and recommendations from the Youth Provision and Area Board Youth Funding Task Group.

11 **Outcome of the review of the "Dads Matter Too" multi-agency project**  
(Pages 45 - 52)

Jen Salter, Director for Families and Children, will inform the Committee of the outcome of the review into the multi-agency project "Dads Matter Too".

12 **Annual Adoption Report** (Pages 53 - 62)

The Committee will receive the annual report from Wiltshire Council's Adoption Service which provides a year-end report to the Council in relation to a child's journey to adoption.

13 **Overview and Scrutiny Activities Updates**

The committee will receive updates from active Task Groups, Rapid Scrutiny exercises and the committee's board representatives.

A report by the Senior Scrutiny Officers providing an update on Task Group activity since the last meeting is attached.

#### 14 **Regular updates**

Updates on information valuable for the committee, but unlikely to require a decision.

Members of the committee are therefore invited to indicate in advance of the meeting if they would like further information or have questions on these regular updates, so that relevant officers can be invited to attend the meeting.

##### 14a **Update from Wiltshire Youth Voice Representative** (Pages 63 - 64)

An update including a summary of recent activities of the Wiltshire Youth Union (WYU) and Children in Care Council (CiCC).

##### 14b **School Ofsted Judgements** (Pages 65 - 70)

An update including information regarding the most recent Ofsted Inspection reports, presenting an ongoing view of the effectiveness of schools as seen by Ofsted Inspection.

##### 14c **DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education** (Pages 71 - 76)

An update on developments relating to children's services arising from the Department for Education.

##### 14d **Working together to improve school attendance**

The DfE published new non-statutory guidance in May 2022 to help schools, trusts, governing bodies and local authorities maintain high levels of school attendance. The guidance applies from September 2022.

This regular update is an opportunity for the committee to be aware of the latest requirements, as set out in the guidance.

##### 14e **Schools Forum**

To receive a very brief update highlighting key items from the last meeting of Schools Forum, to enable the Children's Select Committee to be informed in a timely manner of the work undertaken by the Schools Forum through the year.

Full agendas and minutes for the Schools Forum can be accessed here [Schools Forum | Wiltshire Council](#)

*This agenda item has no update due to no Schools Forum meeting taking place since the last Childrens Select Committee meeting.*

##### 14f **Corporate Parenting Panel**

To receive a very brief update highlighting key items from the last meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel, to enable the Children's Select Committee members, as Corporate Parents, to be informed in a timely manner of the work undertaken by the Corporate Parenting Panel through the year.

*This agenda item has no update due to no Corporate Parenting Panel meeting taking place since the last Childrens Select Committee meeting.*

**14g Directors' update**

To receive a verbal update from Directors highlighting any key issues (current or emerging), successes or milestones in their respective areas since the last meeting of the committee, which may not require a full agenda item and are not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

This is also an opportunity for matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

**14h Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holders' update**

To receive a verbal update from the Cabinet Member and / or Portfolio Holders highlighting any news, successes or milestones in their respective areas since the last meeting of the committee, which may not require a full agenda item and are not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

This is also an opportunity for matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

**14i Chair's update**

To receive a verbal update from the chair on any work undertaken or news since the last meeting that would not require a full agenda item and would not be suitable under Chairman's Announcements (where no debate is allowed).

This is also an opportunity for matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

**15 Forward Work Programme**

The Committee is asked to note the attached documents showing the relevant items from the overview and scrutiny forward work programme and the latest version of the strategy list for the Children, Education and Skills directorate.

**16 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 31 October 2023 at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 10.30am.

To note that the following meeting, scheduled on 16 January 2024, has been moved to 24 January 2024, starting at 10.30am.

**17 Urgent Items**

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

**18 Glossary**

**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**