

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Children's Select Committee  
**Place:** Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN  
**Date:** Thursday 6 June 2024  
**Time:** 10.30 am

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## Membership:

Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chairman)	Cllr Kelvin Nash
Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Antonio Piazza
Cllr Helen Belcher OBE	Cllr Mike Sankey
Cllr Mary Champion	Cllr Jo Trigg
Cllr Caroline Corbin	Cllr Mark Verbinnen
Cllr Carole King	Cllr Bridget Wayman
Cllr Kathryn MacDermid	

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## Substitutes:

Cllr Trevor Carbin	Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney
Cllr Daniel Cave	Cllr Ricky Rogers
Cllr Adrian Foster	Cllr Martin Smith
Cllr Johnny Kidney	Cllr Iain Wallis
Cllr Jack Oatley	

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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  
John Hawkins  
Maisy Humphrey  
Declan Kiely

Further Education Representative  
School Teacher Representative  
Children & Young People's Representative  
Children & Young People's Representative -  
Substitute

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## PART I

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

#### PROCEDURAL DOCUMENT *(Pages 9 - 10)*

Standard Scrutiny Questions for Councillor Reference.

1 **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman for the 2024/25 municipal year.

2 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

To elect a Vice-Chairman for the 2024/25 municipal year.

3 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting *(Pages 11 - 18)***

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 March 2024.

5 **Declarations of Interest**

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

6 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chairman.

7 **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 **Thursday 30 May** 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 3 June**. 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.

8 **Childcare Sufficiency in Wiltshire** (*Pages 19 - 22*)

To receive a progress update from Lucy-Anne Bryant on childcare sufficiency in Wiltshire.

9 **Outcome of the Rapid Scrutiny on Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Strategy** (*Pages 23 - 26*)

To receive a report on the outcome of the rapid scrutiny on Wiltshire Council's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Strategy.

10 **Children's Select Committee - areas of interest and work for 2024-25**

As this is the first meeting of this municipal year the committee is invited to consider the areas of interest and work it wishes to focus on for 2024-25.

The attached forward work programme contains items that have been agreed at previous meetings as well as requests for overview and scrutiny involvement received by the chair and vice-chair of the committee when they attended the annual meeting with the Executive on Tuesday 14 May.

In readiness for the new Council after May 2025, this committee will be expected to produce a "legacy report" which typically include recommendations on future work as well as a review of "ways of working".

Therefore, today this committee is invited to:

1. Challenge the proposed forward work programmes;
2. Propose additional areas of work and focus for 2024-25;
3. Make suggestions on changes that would improve the committee's current ways of working (including briefings, rapid scrutiny exercises and task groups).

11 **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.

11a **Safety Valve update** (*Pages 27 - 30*)

To receive regular updates from officers on the development of the Safety Valve project, as well as input from the overview and scrutiny representative.

**11b School Ofsted Judgements**

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.

**11c DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education (Pages 31 - 38)**

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

**11d Working together to improve school attendance (Pages 39 - 44)**

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.

**11e Schools Forum (Pages 45 - 46)**

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](#)

**11f Corporate Parenting Panel (Pages 47 - 48)**

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.

**11g 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.

**11h 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.

11i      **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.

12      **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.

13      **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on 18 July 2024.

14      **Urgent Items**

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

15      **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.**