

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: [Watch the online meeting here](#)
Date: Tuesday 19 January 2021
Time: 10.30 am

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Pre-meeting information briefing

There will be a briefing session starting at 9:30am

Membership:

Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chairman)	Cllr Chris Hurst
Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Hayley Illman
Cllr Mary Champion	Cllr Jo Trigg
Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr Fred Westmoreland
Cllr Christopher Devine	Cllr Philip Whalley
Cllr Mary Douglas	Cllr Suzanne Wickham
Cllr Nick Holder	Cllr Laura Mayes

Substitutes:

Cllr Pat Aves	Cllr Peter Evans
Cllr Clare Cape	Cllr Nick Fogg MBE
Cllr Trevor Carbin	Cllr Russell Hawker
Cllr Ernie Clark	Cllr Jim Lynch
Cllr Stewart Dobson	Cllr James Sheppard

Non-Elected Voting Members:

Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocesan RC Representative
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Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Ms Sarah Busby	Secondary Head Teacher Representative
John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Maisy Humphrey	Children & Young People's Representative
Declan Kiely	Children & Young People's Representative - Substitute
Catriona Williamson	Primary Head Teacher Representative
Nikki Barnett	Further Education Representative

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Pre-meeting information briefing

The meeting will be preceded by a presentation starting at **9.30am**, this will be online and a separate invitation will be sent.

Topic: Safeguarding (Ofsted self-assessment).

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 7 - 16*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meetings held on 10 March 2020 and 16 June 2020.

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.

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Questions

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January 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 14 January 2021**.

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6 Overview and Scrutiny during COVID-19 (Pages 17 - 24)

Since April, the council has been operating streamlined Overview and Scrutiny (OS) arrangements comprising formal, public meetings of the Wiltshire COVID-19 Response Task Group and OS Management Committee. This was to enable efficient and effective scrutiny to be undertaken, while allowing council resources to be focused on the response to COVID-19 and supporting and protecting Wiltshire communities.

To support wider engagement, the select committees held informal meetings where members could raise issues and questions, which their chairmen then pursued at the formal forums above. The notes of Children's Select Committee's informal meetings on 22 September and 25 November 2020 are attached.

In December, following discussion with the Leader and Chief Executive, the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee agreed that the full select committee structure would resume formal, public meetings from January 2021. It was agreed that the OS forward work programme would focus on COVID-19 and other priority issues with an emphasis on efficient and effective scrutiny engagement.

Under these arrangements, each select committee will undertake scrutiny engagement on those aspects of the COVID-19 response that fall within its particular remit. To assist, a document setting out which Wiltshire Council Recovery Plan themes fall within this Committee's remit is attached.

Notes of each select committees' discussions of COVID-19 will be presented for information to OS Management Committee (which next meets on 26 January 2021), allowing it to oversee overall scrutiny engagement on the topic.

7 Safeguarding (performance monitoring)

To receive information on how the council assesses the robustness and efficiency of its safeguarding processes (*report to follow*).

8 COVID-19 update (Pages 25 - 58)

A report from the Chief Executive is attached providing a summary of activity to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus in Wiltshire since the last update to Cabinet in October. The report provided here was published on 23 December 2020 and considered by Cabinet on 5 January 2021. The draft minutes of the Cabinet meeting are also included.

All four of the council's select committees will receive the report and, to avoid duplication, members are invited to focus their questions and debate within this select committees' remit only.

9 **Youth Voice update**

To consider the results of the survey undertaken by the Families and Children's Commissioning team in the summer, the outcomes of meetings held with young people in the autumn and service changes.

10 **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 59 - 72*)

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.

11 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 2 March 2021, starting at 2.00pm.

12 **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.