

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Children's Select Committee  
**Place:** Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN  
**Date:** Tuesday 31 October 2023  
**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 Martin Smith
Cllr Adrian Foster	Cllr Iain Wallis
Cllr Johnny Kidney	Cllr Ricky Rogers
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	Further Education Representative
John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative

Maisy Humphrey  
Declan Kiely

Children & Young People's Representative  
Children & Young People's Representative -  
Substitute

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# AGENDA

## Pre-meeting information briefing

The meeting will be preceded by a presentation starting at **9.30am**, in the meeting room.

Topic: Out of County Education

Many children and young people who are resident in Wiltshire are educated in schools in neighbouring counties or beyond. Depending on the circumstances, Wiltshire Council retains certain responsibilities for these children and young people. Similarly, Wiltshire Council retains certain responsibilities for children and young people who are not resident in the county but attend Wiltshire schools.

The report outlines the key responsibilities Local Authorities hold for resident and non-resident children and young people as requested by members of the Children's Select Committee.

**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 - 18*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 September 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 **24 October 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 **26 October 2023**. 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 **Young Carers in Wiltshire** *(Pages 19 - 26)*

An update on the current and intended future provision regarding young people in Wiltshire who are providing unpaid care, young carers. To be presented by Netty Lee.

7 **Special Educational Needs (SEND) Provision** *(Pages 27 - 36)*

A report on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) Place Planning and Provision in Wiltshire. To be presented by Melissa Hardwell and Cate Mullen.

8 **Childcare Sufficiency in Wiltshire** *(Pages 37 - 74)*

A report outlining the work the Council is undertaking to meet local authority standards for early years and pre-school provision including sufficiency, pupil outcomes and Ofsted grades.

9 **Local Government Association (LGA) peer review of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP)** *(Pages 75 - 78)*

A summary of the actions planned in response to the report of the Local Government Association (LGA) peer review presented to the Children's Select Committee, 21 September 2023.

10 **National Independent Review of Children's Social Care update** *(Pages 79 - 86)*

A report on the Government response to Children's Social Care: Stable Homes Built on Love consultation.

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 Update from Wiltshire Youth Voice Representative**

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

**11b School Ofsted Judgements (Pages 87 - 92)**

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**

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

**11d 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.

**11e Schools Forum (Pages 93 - 94)**

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 95 - 96)**

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 **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 97 - 102*)

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.

14 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 24 January 2024.

15 **Urgent Items**

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

16 **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**