

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN
Date: Wednesday 24 January 2024
Time: 10.30 am

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Pre-meeting information briefing

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

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

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	

Substitutes:

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

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

Non-Elected Voting Members:

Dr Mike Thompson

Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Nikki Barnett
John Hawkins
Maisy Humphrey
Declan Kiely

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Substitute

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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**

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meetings held on 31 October 2023 and 7 December 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 **17 January 2024** 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 **19 January 2024**. 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 **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.

6a **Update from Wiltshire Youth Voice Representative** (*Pages 9 - 12*)

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

6b **School Ofsted Judgements** (*Pages 13 - 20*)

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.

6c **DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education** (*Pages 21 - 24*)

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

6d **Working together to improve school attendance** (*Pages 25 - 26*)

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.

6e **Schools Forum** (*Pages 27 - 28*)

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](#)

6f **Corporate Parenting Panel** (*Pages 29 - 30*)

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.

6g **Safety Valve update** (*Pages 31 - 32*)

As agreed by the committee at its extraordinary meeting on 7 December 2023, to receive regular updates from officers on the development of the Safety Valve project, as well as input from the overview and scrutiny representative.

6h **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.

6i **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.

6j **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.

7 **Family Hubs**

To receive a presentation from officers on the council's evaluation of the Family Hub pilot projects. The committee has also asked for information to be provided on the council's plans to monitor both the delivery and success of the Family Hubs.

8 **School Health and Wellbeing survey** (*Pages 33 - 40*)

To consider the attached report providing an update to Children's Select Committee on action taken in response to the findings of Wiltshire's Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey 2021, outlining plans for future health and wellbeing related surveys and seeking the support of the

committee to encourage schools to take part.

9 **Ofsted inspection outcome** (*Pages 41 - 44*)

To consider the attached report detailing the key points of the outcome and findings of the Ofsted's inspection of Wiltshire Council's Children Services conducted in September 2023.

10 **Dads Matter Too** (*Pages 45 - 50*)

When the committee considered the outcome of the review of the "Dads Matter Too" multi-agency project in [September 2023](#), it resolved to receive an update in January on:

1. the partnership's response to the learning and how this will be taken forward following consideration of the outcome of the review by the Families and Children's Systems Assurance Group, Safeguarding Vulnerable People's Partnership and the Under 1s Steering Group;
2. the evaluation of work with the Fatherhood Institute (expected November 2023).

11 **Youth provision and area board youth funding task group executive response** (*Pages 51 - 58*)

On [21 September 2023](#) the Children's Select Committee endorsed the Final Report of the Task Group. The Executive Response is included in this agenda for consideration by the committee.

12 **Forward Work Programme and proposed activities** (*Pages 59 - 66*)

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.

It should also be noted that the chair and vice-chair will soon be meeting with Executive Members and officers to gather information on service priorities for 2024 which would inform the forward work programme.

The committee is invited to consider, and endorse if appropriate, two future activities as detailed in the agenda.

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday **12 March 2024** at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 10.30am.

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