

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Children's Select Committee  
**Place:** [Access the online meeting here](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday 8 June 2021  
**Time:** 2.30 pm

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Cllr Kathryn MacDermid  
Cllr Kelvin Nash

Cllr Antonio Piazza  
Cllr Mike Sankey  
Cllr James Sheppard  
Cllr Caroline Thomas  
Cllr Jo Trigg  
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Cllr Jack Oatley

Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney  
Cllr Martin Smith  
Cllr Iain Wallis  
Cllr Mary Webb

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Dr Mike Thompson

Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

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## Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

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Ms Sarah Busby  
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## **AGENDA**

### **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 Election of Chair 2021-22**

To elect a Chair for the forthcoming year.

**3 Election of Vice-Chair 2021-22**

To elect a Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year.

**4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 7 - 24)**

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 March 2021.

**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 **Tuesday 1 June 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 **Thursday 3 June 2021**. 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 **Covid-19 Update**

The latest Covid-19 update provided to Cabinet on 1 June 2021 (and also considered by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 25 May 2021) can be accessed [here](#).

Members of the committee were invited to submit questions in advance to ensure that comprehensive responses could be provided. The questions and responses will be circulated with the minutes for this meeting.

## 9 **Performance Monitoring Report** (*Pages 25 - 34*)

One of the outcomes of the meetings between the Children's Select Committee's Chairman and the Executive Members in 2019 was for the committee to receive performance monitoring reports on the overall service, likely to be June (to consider the year-end data from the previous year) then January meetings.

This was to enable the committee to consider actions taken by the council towards continual improvements, which could be reflected by achieving an 'outstanding' Ofsted rating in children's services.

Due to streamlining of Overview and Scrutiny activities during the Covid-19 pandemic, it is the first time the committee is considering the attached Safeguarding Dataset Exception Report (Quarter 4), as presented to the

Performance & Outcome Board on 18 May 2021.

The committee is invited to consider:

- If the dataset provides the information required (and if not, what would be more appropriate);
- If it wishes to receive the dataset at its 5 January 2022 meeting.

10 **Child and Youth Voice Team** (*Pages 35 - 46*)

The previous committee had recommended receiving regular update reports (written or verbal) from the Child and Youth Voice Team, including update on the implementation of the action plan (as detailed below) and an evaluation of the Youth Consultant role.

To receive the action plan for the Youth Voice Team (including milestones) at one meeting, including:

- which young people are being reached (and how, e.g. via schools);
- what is the target we would like to reach (which young people and “how many”);
- the “vision” for the relationship between the council and young people.

The committee is invited to consider the attached update and action plan for the Youth Voice Team and decide:

- If further updates on the action plan would be required; and if so whether these updates are best considered at a committee meeting and when;
- How the work detailed in the action plan can dovetail with planned overview and scrutiny activity (in particular, but not limited to, the proposed youth provision and youth funding task group).

11 **School Ofsted Judgements** (*Pages 47 - 50*)

To receive an update on recent Ofsted activities.

12 **Adoption West Joint Scrutiny Panel - annual report** (*Pages 51 - 74*)

The committee considered the draft annual report at its last meeting and agreed to receive the finalised report at its earliest meeting after the May 2021 elections.

In future it is planned for the annual report, to be considered by the Children’s Select Committee alongside any other reports relating to adoption performance that the council would consider.

The committee is invited to suggest:

- areas of focus for the scrutiny panel in 2021-22;
- the contents that should be included in the scrutiny panel’s annual report in future; and

- formatting and presentation of the information to ensure ease of reading.

13 **Overview and Scrutiny work priorities and approach: Recommendations from the 2017-21 council** (*Pages 75 - 100*)

A Review of Overview and Scrutiny (OS) 2017-2021 was undertaken at the end of the previous council and the outcomes were presented to OS Management Committee on 9 March 2021.

OS Management Committee used the information from the review to establish work priorities and OS approach at its meeting on 25 May 2021. The recommendations from that meeting are reflected in the attached report.

The committee is invited to consider the attached report and 8 recommendations within it to underpin the committee's work in the coming year.

14 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday **6 July 2021** at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 2.30pm.

15 **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.