

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: [Access the online meeting here](#)
Date: Tuesday 6 July 2021
Time: 2.30 pm

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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
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Pre-meeting information briefing

The meeting will be preceded by a presentation starting at **2.00pm**, on Microsoft Teams.

Topic: Wiltshire Virtual School (information available on: [Virtual school - Wiltshire Council](#))

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 - 16*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 June 2021.

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 **Tuesday 29 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 1 July 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.

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**

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

6b **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.

6c **DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education**

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

7 **Supporting Families** (*Pages 17 - 32*)

The Supporting Families (previously Troubled Families) Programme was developed to radically transform the lives of families with multiple issues. The committee is invited to consider a report presenting the work undertaken to meet the outcomes of the Supporting Families Programme.

8 **Evaluation of the Youth Consultant role** (*Pages 33 - 42*)

In 2019, Wiltshire Council commissioned Community First to develop a new role for children and young people in Wiltshire as part of a pilot project to enhance and strengthen the voice of young people.

The committee is invited to consider a report presenting the outcome of an evaluation of the two year period, April 2019 to April 2021, to see how successful the project was at meeting the goals and key performance indicators that were set.

9 **Adoption West Joint Scrutiny Panel - annual report** (*Pages 43 - 66*)

This item was deferred from the last meeting (8 June 2021)

The committee considered the draft annual report at its 2 March 2021 meeting and agreed to receive the finalised report 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.

10 **Forward Work Programme** (Pages 67 - 82)

As part of the [areas of good practice](#) the committee approved at its last meeting (8 June 2021), the committee is invited to establish its Working Group to consider annual reports as explained in the extract below.

11. Linked to efficient use of time at meetings the committee also explored the idea of reports such as annual updates being reviewed by a small group of committee members ahead of the committee meeting, with the working group's findings being reported to the committee (akin to a rapid scrutiny exercise but without involvement from service officers). Questions could also be submitted in advance by all committee members for the working group to explore.

12. If there was no opportunity for a working group to be set up or meet ahead of the committee meeting, then members of the committee could be invited to submit questions in advance. Officers could then provide answers either in writing or at the meeting.

The Committee is also invited to consider the attached proposed areas of work and to indicate which they would like to see as priorities for the committee for 2021-2022; including the best way to receive the Corporate Parenting Panel annual report (September).

11 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 7 September 2021 at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 2.30pm.

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