

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN
Date: Thursday 5 September 2024
Time: 10.30 am

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Cllr Johnny Kidney	Cllr Iain Wallis
Cllr Jack Oatley	

Non-Elected Voting Members:

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

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PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

Overview and Scrutiny Standard Questions *(Pages 9 - 10)*

1 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 11 - 18)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 July 2024.

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.

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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 **Alternate Provision (AP) and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Strategy 2024-2029** (Pages 19 - 36)

The committee are to receive a report on the development of the SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy 2024-2029, "Meeting needs together, ambitious for all" and the draft strategy. The strategy will be going to Cabinet on 17 September 2024.

7 **Support for Young Carers** (Pages 37 - 42)

The committee are to consider the attached report providing a briefing on contracted services to support young carers as resolved at Children's Select Committee on 18 July 2024 when the committee received an update on Wiltshire Young Carers.

8 **Children and Young People's Mental Health Support** (Pages 43 - 48)

The committee are to receive an update on the current provision of services for children and young people with mental health needs in Wiltshire and plans for future service design.

9 **Adoption Report** (Pages 49 - 110)

The committee will receive the annual report from Wiltshire Council's Adoption Service which provides a year-end report to the Council in relation to a child's journey to adoption. The annual report is going to Cabinet on 8 October 2024. Attached for information is the Adoption West Annual Report 2023-24, reviewed by the Adoption West Scrutiny Panel on 9 July 2024 and the Scrutiny Panel's own Annual Report, 2022-2024.

10 **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.

10a **Update from Wiltshire Youth Voice Representative** (Pages 111 - 126)

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

10b **DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education** (Pages 127 - 128)

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

10c **Safety Valve update**

To receive regular updates from officers on the development of the Safety Valve project, as well as input from the overview and scrutiny representative.

Report to follow

10d **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.

10e **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.

10f **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.

10g **Overview and Scrutiny Activities Updates**

The committee will receive updates from active Task Groups, Rapid Scrutiny exercises and the committee's board representatives.

The Adoption West Scrutiny Panel met on 9 July 2024. Their activities are detailed in their annual report (attached with the other adoption reports).

11 **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 129 - 138*)

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.

A new rapid scrutiny to review the impact of out of county education is being proposed for the committee's consideration.

12 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on 26 November 2024.

13 **Urgent Items**

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

14 **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