

Notice of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021 at 6.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr R Burton

Vice Chairman:

Cllr L Lewis

Cllr E Coope

Cllr B Dunlop

Cllr N C Geary

Cllr J Kelly

Cllr S Moore

Cllr L Northover

Cllr S Phillips

Cllr Dr F Rice

Cllr R Rocca

Mr S Welch

Mr M Saxby

Ms E Hall

Parent Governor Co-opted Representatives

Emma Hall, Peter Martin and Simon Welch

Diocesan Co-Opted Representatives

Mark Saxby

Youth Parliament Representatives

Nathan Collins, Sarah Lockard, Adaya Brandon and Georgia Grogan

All Members of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are welcome to view the live stream of this meeting at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Mid=4636>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact:

Louise Smith, Democratic Services, louise.smith@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or

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Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests

Do any matters being discussed at the meeting relate to your registered interests?

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Yes

Declare the nature of the interest

Do NOT participate in the item at the meeting. Do NOT speak or vote on the item EXCEPT where you hold a dispensation

You are advised to leave the room during the debate

Local Interest

Yes

Declare the nature of the interest

Applying the bias and pre-determination tests means you may need to refrain from speaking and voting

You may also need to leave the meeting. Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer

No

Do you have a personal interest in the matter?

Yes

Consider the bias and pre-determination tests

You may need to refrain from speaking & voting

You may also need to leave the meeting. Please seek advice

No

You can take part in the meeting speak and vote

What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(susan.zeiss@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

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

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| <p>1. Apologies
To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.</p> | <p>F_PRO</p> |
| <p>2. Substitute Members
To receive information on any changes in the membership of the Committee.</p> <p>Note – When a member of a Committee is unable to attend a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee, the relevant Political Group Leader (or their nominated representative) may, by notice to the Monitoring Officer (or their nominated representative) prior to the meeting, appoint a substitute member from within the same Political Group. The contact details on the front of this agenda should be used for notifications.</p> | <p>F_PRO</p> |
| <p>3. Declarations of Interests
Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.
Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.</p> | <p>F_PRO</p> |
| <p>4. Confirmation of Minutes
To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 26 January 2021.</p> | <p>F_PRO</p> |
| <p>a) Action Sheet</p> | <p>F_PRO</p> |
| <p>5. Public Issues
To receive any public questions, statements or petitions submitted in accordance with the Constitution, which is available to view at the following link:

https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1

The deadline for the submission of a public question is 4 clear working days before the meeting.
The deadline for the submission of a public statement is midday the working day before the meeting.
The deadline for the submission of a petition is 10 working days before the meeting.</p> | <p>F_PRO</p> |
| <p>6. Children and Young People's Partnership Plan 2021 - 2024
The draft BCP Children and Young People's Plan has been developed by the BCP Children and Young People's Partnership Board, the successor body to the previous Learning Partnership Board. The</p> | <p>F_PRO</p> |

difference is to focus on all issues for children, not just education and to a lesser extent, children's social care.

Having a plan in place is a requirement placed on BCP by the Local Government Reorganisation process so in that sense it is a plan required by Government of us.

The draft Plan sets out the proposed strategic priorities for partnership action to improve outcomes for BCP's children and young people and to help them achieve their potential. It is consistent with existing BCP policy about improving child outcomes

Central to this is that the Council plays its part in the Partnership to help BCP's children and young people to be "fulfilled, happy, included, and resilient".

This report provides a copy of the draft plan at Appendix 1 to the report.

The draft Plan has been subject to public consultation during the month of January 2021.

This Plan, when finalised, will be championed by the multi-agency BCP Children and Young People's Partnership Board. An action plan will be an integral part of the final document. This will be monitored through the Board.

7. Covid - Children's Services

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To receive a verbal update from the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Covid and the Interim Corporate Director, Children's Services with a Committee report being brought to the next Committee.

8. Items for Information

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- BCP Children's Services Complaints and Representations Annual Report 2019-2020

9. Forward Plan

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To consider the Committee's Forward Plan.

10. Dates of Future Meetings

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To note the dates of future Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committees as follows:

- 23 March 2021
- 8 June 2021
- 27 July 2021
- 21 September 2021
- 23 November 2021
- 25 January 2022
- 22 March 2022

All meetings will commence at 6pm and venues to be confirmed.

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No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.