Notice of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 25 January 2022 at 6.00 pm

Venue: Committee Suite, Civic Centre, Poole BH15 2RU



Membership:

Chair:

Cllr R Burton

Vice Chair: Cllr L Lewis

Cllr E CoopeCllr S MooreCllr S GabrielCllr N C GearyCllr L NorthoverCllr M HainesCllr J KellyCllr R RoccaCllr R Lawton

Parent Governor Co-opted Representatives

Mr P Martin, Ms E Hall and Mr S Welch

Diocesan Co-Opted Representatives

Mr M Saxby

Youth Parliament Representatives

N Collins, S Lockard, A Brandon and G 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?Mld=4833

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Louise Smith, louise.smith@bcpcouncil.gov.uk on 01202 096660 or email democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Press enquiries should be directed to the Press Office by email at press.office@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or tel: 01202 118686

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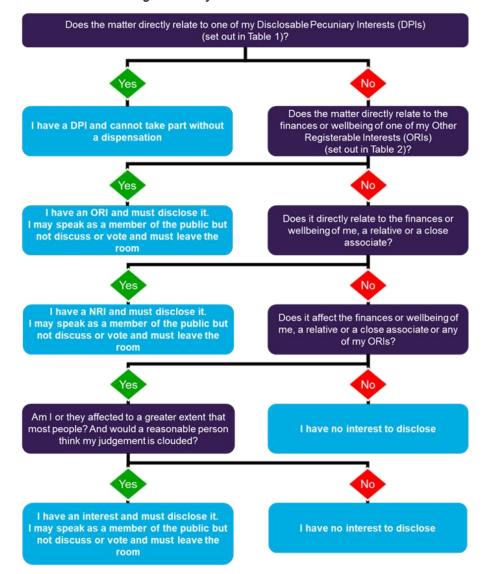


Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

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



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

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.

2. Substitute Members

To receive information on any changes in the membership of the Committee.

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.

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.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 23 November 2021.

a) Action Sheet

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.

6. Update on Youth Justice Plan – First-Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System

This report summarises the latest local information on rates of young people entering the youth justice system. The reduction that had been seen

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in the previous year has continued and further steps are being taken to divert young people from the justice system.

7. Virtual School Annual Report

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The report gives a summary of the academic year 2020-2021 for children in care. A profile of the cohort is shown along with outcomes for young people. Due to the cancelation of examinations (because of covid) the data reported for this time period is less that other years. The report gives an overview of attendance and exclusions, the statutory meetings that take place for children in care – Personal Education Plans (PEPs) and the spending of Pupil Premium Plus which is the grant received for each child in care, the Virtual School Head has the responsibility of distributing and ensuring this funding has impact on the learning and educational achievements of children in care.

8. Partnership Academy Update - Workforce Planning and Development

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To provide an update on Workforce Planning and Development initiatives and activity through the Children's Services Partnership Academy.

9. School Admissions Arrangements 2023/24 for community and maintained schools

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BCP Council is legally required to determine its admissions arrangements for the school year 2023/24. Permission to publicly consult to change the arrangements was agreed by council members.

The change that required consultation was the reduction of the published admission number at Burton Primary School from 60 to 45 to enable the school to organise classes efficiently.

10. Sufficiency Strategy Update

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To receive a PowerPoint presentation update.

11. Portfolio Holder Update

To receive a verbal update from the Portfolio Holders if required.

12. Items for Information

Any Information only items will be circulated after the Committee.

13. Forward Plan

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To consider the Committee's Forward Plan.

14. Dates of Future Meetings

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

- 22 March 2022
- 7 June 2022

- 26 July 2022
- 20 September 2022

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

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.