

Notice of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date: Tuesday, 7 June 2022 at 6.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room, First Floor, BCP Civic Centre Annex, St Stephen's Rd, Bournemouth BH2 6LL

Membership:

Chair:

Cllr R Burton

Vice Chair:

Cllr L Lewis

Cllr E Coope
Cllr S Gabriel
Cllr N C Geary

Cllr M Haines
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr S Moore

Cllr L Northover
Cllr S Phillips
Cllr R Rocca

Parent Governor Co-opted Representatives

P Martin, E Hall (Academy) and S Welch (Academy)

Diocesan Co-Opted Representatives

M Saxby

Youth Parliament Representatives

D Rees-Coshan and Z Susic

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=5022>

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

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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.

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(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. **Election of Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

To elect the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing Municipal year 2022/23.

4. **Election of Vice Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

To elect the Vice Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing Municipal year 2022/23.

5. **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.

6. **Confirmation of Minutes**

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To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2022.

a) **Action Sheet**

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To consider any outstanding actions.

7. **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.bpcouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bc_r=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.

8. Youth Justice Service - Annual Youth Justice Plan

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To present the Youth Justice Plan for 2022/23. There is a statutory requirement to publish an annual Youth Justice Plan which must provide specified information about the local provision of youth justice services. This report summarises the Youth Justice Plan for 2022/23, with a copy of the Plan appended. The Youth Justice Plan needs to be approved by the full Council.

9. Child exploitation to include information on County Lines and Knife Crime

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This report provides an update on the actions and progress in identifying and supporting children and young people who are victims of child exploitation and the increased focus that have placed on those who may be vulnerable to exploitation, based on well-known indicators.

The report also highlights the collaborative and close partnership work with the police and other agencies to intervene and disrupt the activities of those who target the most vulnerable children and young people.

10. Home to School Transport

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BCP Council is legally required to have a single home to school transport policy. A BCP Council Policy has been drafted to replace the three existing policies. The draft policy has been developed to ensure consistency across the conurbation. It will provide a single point of reference for families and officers regarding eligibility and how it is assessed.

Permission to determine the policy is being sought from cabinet following a public consultation held January-February 2022. The consultation was held in accordance with the requirements of the Department for Education's statutory guidance. Key stakeholders were targeted during the consultation period.

11. Children's Services Improvement Plan - Quality Assurance Framework

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There is evidence of some progress in relation to Quality Assurance because of the leadership 'buy in' and change to the Quality Assurance Framework, which is now more meaningful, engaging and impactful. Compliance and quality has begun to increase and there is now accountability of actions and a clear learning loop.

12. SEND Improvement Plan

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Following submission of BCP Council and Dorset's Clinical Commissioning Group's Written Statement of Action (WSoA), monitoring visits will be held every three months. The Department for Education (DfE) will use these

meetings to scrutinise progress towards the delivery of the WSoA. This paper summarises the information given to the DfE during the first monitoring meeting. Feedback from DfE is due imminently.

13. Covid update – lasting impact to include academic progress and mental health

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This report summarises the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic two years after its first effects on BCP schools and examines the possible legacy in terms of:

- Attendance
- Pupil and staff mental health and well-being
- Academic progress and any learning deficits likely to continue.

In addition, the paper asks Members to note the ongoing impact of the virus and recommends that they note and support the proposed approach to managing Long Covid, in the attached draft policy.

14. Portfolio Holder Update

To enable the Portfolio Holders to provide a verbal update if required.

15. Forward Plan

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To consider the Committee's Forward Plan.

16. Dates of Future Meetings

The Council at its meeting on 10 May agreed to delegate authority to the Overview and Scrutiny bodies to agree their own meeting dates for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 municipal years.

The Council agreed that there would be 5 meetings scheduled in each municipal year. These will need to be set with reference to the current Council Calendar.

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.