

Notice of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2024 at 6.00 pm

Venue: HMS Phoebe, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth BH2 6DY

Membership:

Chair:

To be elected

Vice Chairman:

To be elected

Cllr B Dove

Cllr S Bull

Cllr P Broadhead

Cllr O Brown

Cllr S Carr-Brown

Cllr P Cooper

Cllr E Harman

Cllr B Hitchcock

Cllr S Mackrow

Cllr D Martin

Cllr O Walters

Parent Governor Co-opted Representatives

Peter Martin, E Hall and S Welch

Diocesan Co-Opted Representatives

M Saxby

Youth Parliament Representatives

R Cornish and E Prentice

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=6188>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Sinead O'Callaghan on 01202 096660 or email sinead.ocallaghan@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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16 July 2024

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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.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(janie.berry@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

To elect the Chair of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal year.

4. Election of Vice Chair

To elect the Vice Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal year.

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. Minutes

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To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 and 23 January and 19 March 2024.

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. Further information on the requirements for submitting these is available to view at the following link:-

<https://democracy.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/documents/s2305/Public%20Items%20-%20Meeting%20Procedure%20Rules.pdf>

The deadline for the submission of public questions is 3 clear working days before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a statement is midday the working day before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a petition is 10 working days before the meeting.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| 8. SEND Progress Update re SEND Improvement Plan and Safety Valve | 59 - 166 |
| <p>This report provides an overview of the work to date within the Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) system, through the newly developed SEND Improvement plan. It provides a narrative to the improvement work to date within the BCP Council SEND service, the wider SEND system and points towards the significant progress that has been made over the last 6 months. It is recognised though, that much more needs to be done and that a continued effort is needed across the partnership to address the further areas of improvement.</p> <p>Alongside the operational and strategic improvement work within the SEND system the report also provides information and a short narrative on the progress of the Safety Valve programme and resultant next steps. Discussions are still ongoing with the Department for Education (DfE) and Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and as such a revised Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) plan has not yet commenced.</p> | |
| 9. Child Exploitation Working Group Findings Report | 167 - 182 |
| <p>This report is to advise the Committee on the outcomes of the Child Exploitation Working Group and to request its support for the Recommendations highlighted.</p> | |
| 10. Items for information | 183 - 258 |
| <p>The following reports have been circulated to the Committee for information with no presentation or discussion planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Virtual School Headteachers Annual Report 2022/23- Education Improvement Report <p>To advise the Committee of the previously circulated reports prior to consideration by Cabinet on 17 July 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Children's Safeguarding Partnership Review- Youth Justice Plan 2024/2025 | |
| 11. Portfolio Holder Update | |
| <p>To receive a verbal update from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People.</p> | |
| 12. Forward Plan | 259 - 298 |

The Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and identify work priorities for its next meeting pending a wider review of its forward plan at a future meeting.

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.