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Children and Young People's Services Select Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Wednesday, 23 October 2019** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

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Agenda

- 10.30 am 1. **Declarations of Interests**
- Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt please contact Democratic Services before the meeting.
- 10.30 am 2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 16)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2019 (cream paper).
- 10.35 am 3. **Urgent Matters**
- Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances, including cases where the Committee needs to be informed of budgetary or performance issues affecting matters within its terms of reference, which have emerged since the publication of the agenda.
- 10.35 am 4. **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 17 - 18)
- The Committee is asked to note the response to the recommendation made at the 11 September 2019 meeting from

the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

10.40 am 5. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 19 - 34)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 8 October 2019 – attached.

An extract from any Forward Plan published between the date of despatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

10.50 am 6. **Children First Improvement Update** (Pages 35 - 48)

Report by the Director of Children's Services.

The report updates the Committee on developments in the Children First Programmes since its last meeting in September.

11.30 am 7. **School Funding** (Pages 49 - 70)

Report by the Director of Education and Skills.

The report provides initial information relating to the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget for 2020/21.

The Committee is asked to consider the information as set out in the report and consider the implications of the National Funding Formulae on the local funding formula for mainstream schools as well as the impact of funding on spending pressures for schools and on high needs expenditure and make comment to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.

The Committee will break for lunch for 30 minutes at 12.50

1.20 pm 8. **Reduction in the Post-16 Support Service** (Pages 71 - 80)

Report by the Executive Director People Services and the Director of Education and Skills.

The County Council has been identifying potential savings options to assist in closing the budget gap following reductions in government grant. In this respect an assessment has been carried out on the impact of reducing the level of support of, or completely withdrawing from, provision of the Post-16 Support service.

The Children and Young People's Services Select Committee is asked to consider the attached draft Cabinet Member decision report and provide comment to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills prior to the formal decision being taken

later in November 2019.

2.00 pm 9. **Creation of Additional Special Support Centres** (Pages 81 - 92)

Report by the Director of Education and Skills.

At a meeting of the Cabinet on 11 July 2019, a proposal to progress the expansion of specialist support centres (SSCs) for children with SEND (Phases 2 and 3), was supported to be progressed as part of the 2020/21 budget options. This budget option also included the proposal to bring forward phase 3 to the same timescales as phase 2 i.e. all the SSCs would look to be built by September 2020.

The Committee is asked to consider the attached draft Cabinet Member decision reports and provide comment to the Cabinet Member Education and Skills prior the formal decisions being taken later in November.

2.40 pm 10. **Possible Items for Future Scrutiny**

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Select Committee, and suitable for scrutiny, e.g. raised with them by constituents arising from central government initiatives etc.

If any member puts forward such an item, the Committee's role at this meeting is just to assess, briefly, whether to refer the matter to its Business Planning Group (BPG) to consider in detail.

2.45 pm 11. **Requests for Call-In**

The Children and Young People's Services Business Planning Group (BPG) received a request to call-in the proposed decision by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills concerning the Small Schools Assessment (ES02 (19/20))– decision published on 25 September 2019. The BPG declined the request.

2.50 pm 12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 4 December 2019 at 10.30 am at County Hall, Chichester.

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 22 November 2019.

To all members of the Children and Young People's Services Select Committee

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