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Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Wednesday, 4 March 2020** 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 - 12)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2020 (cream paper).
- 10.30 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.
- 10.30 am 4. **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 13 - 14)
- The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at the 4 December 2019 meeting from

the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.

10.35 am 5. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 15 - 32)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 19 February 2020 – 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.

10.45 am 6. **Children First Improvement Update** (Pages 33 - 42)

Report by Executive Director of Children, Young People and Learning.

The report updates the Committee on developments in the Children First programme since its last update in January.

11.45 am 7. **West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report** (Pages 43 - 92)

Report by the Independent Chair of the West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board.

The Committee is asked to consider the report, and to comment on whether any further scrutiny is required.

12.15 pm 8. **Business Planning Group Report** (Pages 93 - 98)

The report informs the Committee of the Business Planning Group meeting held on 21 February 2020, setting out the key issues discussed.

The Committee is asked to endorse the contents of this report, and particularly the Committee's Work Programme revised to reflect the Business Planning Group's discussions (attached at Appendix A).

12.25 pm 9. **Possible Items for Future Scrutiny**

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Scrutiny 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.

12.40 pm 10. **Requests for Call-In** (Pages 99 - 100)

The Committee is asked to note the reasons for the rejection of the decision call-in request made in January 2020 relating to the reorganisation of rural and small schools in West Sussex.

12.45 pm 11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 7 April 2020 at 14.00 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 26 March 2020.

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

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