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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, 15 May 2019** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

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Agenda

- 10.30 am 1. **Declarations of Interests**
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- 10.30 am 2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 14)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 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. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 15 - 26)
- Extract from the Forward Plan dated 1 May 2019.

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 5. **Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care Services** (To Follow)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

To enable members to consider the outcome of the recent OFSTED inspection of the County Council's social care services, to understand the next steps for the Council and the governance arrangements for managing those, including the role of the Select Committee.

- 12.00 pm 6. **Redesign of the Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help (IPEH) service** (Pages 27 - 44)

Report by the Executive Director of Children, Adults, Families, Health and Education.

The purpose of the redesign is to improve the pathway children and families take into and out of services and develop a more targeted early help offer that is flexible to local need.

The Committee is invited to consider the review so far, the outputs from engagement activities and provide comments for the Cabinet Member to consider about the next stage of the review and redesign.

The Committee will break for lunch at 1.00pm

- 1.30 pm 7. **Relinquishment of Beechfield Secure Unit** (Pages 45 - 56)

Report by the Executive Director of Children, Adults, Families, Health and Education.

Following an analysis of the need in West Sussex for this type of accommodation, benchmarking against provision by other local authorities, and set against the wider review that is taking place of the in-house residential estate, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People will be asked to agree that operation of a secure unit at the Beechfield site permanently ceases.

The Committee is asked to support the proposal to relinquish Beechfield Secure Unit.

- 2.15 pm 8. **Education and Skills Annual Report** (Pages 57 - 74)

Report by Executive Director Children, Adults, Families, Health

and Education.

Each year the Education and Skills Service publishes an Annual Report which highlights strengths and indicates areas for improvement. Scrutiny of the summary of this report provides members of the Children and Young People's Services Select Committee insight into the performance of the Service.

The Committee is asked to consider the changes in standards being produced in schools and colleges in attainment, progress, exclusions and retention, as well as the rationale for the next years focus in refining how to improve standards.

2.45 pm 9. **Business Planning Group Report** (Pages 75 - 80)

The report informs the Committee of the Business Planning Group meeting held on 25 April 2019, 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).

3.00 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.

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

There have been no requests for call-in to the Select Committee and within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting. The Director of Law and Assurance will report any requests since the publication of the agenda papers.

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

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 19 June 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 7 June 2019.

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

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