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Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee

A virtual meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Thursday, 24 September 2020**.

Note: In accordance with regulations in response to the current public health emergency, this meeting will be held virtually with members in remote attendance. Public access is via webcasting.

The meeting will be available to watch live via the Internet at this address:

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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.
- 10.32 am 2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 10)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2020 (cream paper).
- 10.34 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.

- 10.45 am 4. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 11 - 24)
- Extract from the Forward Plan dated 10 September 2020.
- 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 5. **Children First Improvement - Service Update** (Pages 25 - 38)
- 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 June.
- 12.20 pm 6. **Education and Skills Annual Report Task and Finish Group Recommendations** (Pages 39 - 68)
- The Education and Skills Annual Report provides an overview of the main outcomes achieved by West Sussex learners, highlights strengths and indicates areas for improvement.
- Scrutiny of the 2019 report was undertaken by a Task and Finish Group of Committee members in July 2020. Attached are: -
- a) Education and Skills Annual Report Task and Finish Group Recommendations
 - b) Response from the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
 - c) Draft 2020 Education and Skills Annual Report
- The Committee is asked to note the recommendations of the TFG and Cabinet Member response.
- 12.35 pm 7. **Business Planning Group Report** (Pages 69 - 76)
- The report informs the Committee of the Business Planning Group meetings held on 9 March 2020 and 25 June 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).

- 12.45 pm 8. **Appointments to the Business Planning Group**
- The Committee to make appointments to fill the vacancies on the Business Planning Group.
- 12.47 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 to consider in detail.
- 12.52 pm 10. **Requests for Call-In**
- There have been no requests for call-in to the Scrutiny 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.
- 12.53 pm 11. **Date of Next Meeting**
- The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 5 November at 10.30am. Probable agenda items include:
- Children First Improvement Programme
 - Fostering Service Review
 - Impact of Covid-19 on Educational Outcomes for Children and Young People
- Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 21 October 2020.

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