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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, 5 November 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 - 8)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 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.
- 10.36 am 4. **The Impact of Covid-19 on Schools and the Educational Outcomes of Children and Young People in West Sussex** (Pages 9 - 28)

Report by Director of Education and Skills

The report outlines how the County Council has been supporting schools and pupils during the pandemic and the work that is underway to prepare for any future lockdowns.

The Committee will hear from a range of witnesses and members of the Youth Cabinet.

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the report and the evidence provided.

The Committee will adjourn for a 15 minute break.

- 12.51 pm 5. **Children First Improvement Programme Update** (Pages 29 - 70)

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

The report updates the Committee on the developments and progress made in the Children First Programme since its last update in September.

- 1.51 pm 6. **Appointments to Business Planning Group** (Pages 71 - 72)

The Committee is asked to appoint five of its members to its Business Planning Group, to include the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, with two of the five being minority party members.

- 2.01 pm 7. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 73 - 88)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 22 October 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.

- 2.06 pm 8. **Possible Items for Future Scrutiny** (Pages 89 - 94)

The Committee is asked to review its draft work programme and to mention any further 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.

2.11 pm 9. **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.

2.14 pm 10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 7 January 2021 at 10.30 am. Probable agenda items include:

- Children First Improvement Programme Performance Monitor
- SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and Inclusion Strategy
- Fostering Service Review
- Support for School Governors

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 18 December 2020.

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