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## **Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee**

A virtual meeting of the Committee will be held at **11.30 am** on **Wednesday, 10 March 2021**.

**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**

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| 11.30 am | 1. | <p><b>Declarations of Interests</b></p> <p>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.</p> |
| 11.32 am | 2. | <p><b>Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee</b> (Pages 5 - 14)</p> <p>The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2021 (cream paper).</p>   |
| 11.37 am | 3. | <p><b>Urgent Matters</b></p> <p>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.</p>                        |

11.40 am      4.      **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 15 - 18)

The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at the 7 January 2021 meeting from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People on

- a) Children First Improvement
- b) Early Help Redesign;
- c) National House Project.

11.50 am      5.      **Inclusion in West Sussex** (To Follow)

Report by Director of Education and Skills.

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Committee to scrutinise the County Council's approach to inclusion.

The Committee is invited to explore what is working well, how objectives are being met and identify areas for improvement or focus. Key areas for Committee discussion include:

- The performance of the SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2019-2024 against its action plan;
- The proposed plans for Alternative Provision for Children and Young People in West Sussex;
- Schools approach exclusion and how the voice of the child is heard.

The meeting will take a 40 minute break.

2.00 pm      6.      **Children First Improvement Update** (Pages 19 - 34)

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 January 2021.

2.45 pm      7.      **Work Programme Planning and Possible Items for Future Scrutiny** (Pages 35 - 62)

The Committee is asked to review its current draft work programme (attached), which reflects the outcome of discussions at the Committee's Business Planning Group (BPG) meeting on 22 February 2021.

The Committee is asked to review the Forward Plan entries relevant to its remit (Appendix A) and mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Scrutiny Committee. If any member puts forward an item for scrutiny, the Committee's role at this meeting is to assess, briefly, whether to refer the matter to its BPG to consider in detail.

- 2.50 pm      8.      **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.
- 2.55 pm      9.      **Date of Next Meeting**
- The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 30 June at 10.30 am at County Hall, Chichester. Probable agenda items include:
- Early Help Redesign
- Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 17 June 2021.

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