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Children and Young People's Services Select Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held at **12.30 pm** on **Wednesday, 20 June 2018** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

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Agenda

- 12.30 pm 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.
- 12.30 pm 2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 7 - 12)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2018 (cream paper).
- 12.30 pm 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.
- 12.45 pm 4. **School Effectiveness Strategy** (Pages 13 - 22)
- Report by the Director of Education and Skills.
- A new School Effectiveness Strategy (attached at Appendix A) will outline how the County Council will work with education providers over the next four years to ensure that all West Sussex children and young people really do get the best start in

life. It will replace the current strategy for School Improvement 2016-19. A consultation was launched to invite stakeholders to comment on the draft strategy that outlined the County Council's vision, principles and values for education in West Sussex.

The Committee is asked to consider the results of the consultation and make comments before the strategy is finalised and approved by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.

The Committee is also asked to endorse the recommendation to progress the development of a new West Sussex School Effectiveness Strategy 2018-2022. This will incorporate a refreshed School Improvement Policy that will enable the County Council to challenge and support schools to raise standards.

1.45 pm 5. **Business Planning Group**

The following item will cover the Business Planning Group report, and the appointment of members to the group.

(a) **Business Planning Group Report** (Pages 23 - 30)

Report by the Chairman of the Business Planning Group.

The report informs the Committee of the Business Planning Group meeting held virtually on 4 May 2018, setting out the key issues.

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

(b) **Business Planning Group Appointments**

The Committee is asked to appoint five members to the Business Planning Group (BPG), including the Chairman of the Committee and two minority members.

The previous members of the BPG who are still on the committee are Mr Cloake (Chairman), Mr High (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Mullins, Mrs Hall and Ms Lord.

2.00 pm 6. **West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report**
(Pages 31 - 70)

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

The annual report (attached at Appendix A) provides an overview of the work of the West Sussex Safeguarding Children

Board (WSSCB), and demonstrates the progress and challenges in the delivery of services to safeguard children. The report provides insight into the progress made with regards to Child Exploitation, the Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help (IPEH) model, and improvements within the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

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

It is recommended that the Committee:

Considers the successes and areas for improvement for the West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board (WSSCB) in 2016/17.

Consider the WSSCB's key messages for partner agencies and West Sussex County Council.

- 2.20 pm 7. **Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help Update** (Pages 71 - 94)

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

Following consideration of proposals for Early Help at the meeting in December 2016, the Committee agreed to review the implementation of the new service model, with a report to the full Committee after it had been in place for 12 months. This report therefore provides the Committee with an analysis of progress made, the impact of the new service, perspectives of staff and stakeholders, strengths and challenges, and future development plans.

The Committee is asked to note the achievements of IPEH during its first year, together with further proposed actions, and to comment on and endorse the progress made.

2.50 - 3.00pm - Break

The Committee will take a short break from 2.50 until 3.00pm.

- 3.00 pm 8. **Private Fostering** (Pages 95 - 104)

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

The report provides an overview for the Committee of activities in relation to privately fostered children in West Sussex. The report details how the authority has complied with its duties

and functions in relation to private fostering and includes how the welfare of these children has been safeguarded and promoted.

The Committee is invited to note the processes undertaken in West Sussex in relation to Private Fostering and be informed of the successes and challenges.

The Committee is asked to support the approach undertaken in West Sussex to identify, assess and support Private Fostering arrangements.

The Committee to consider how the Council may be able to influence awareness raising of Private Fostering arrangements.

3.30 pm

9. **Procurement of a Dynamic Purchasing System for Children's Placements and other Accommodation and Support Services** (Pages 105 - 116)

Report by the Executive Director Children, Adults, Families, Health & Education, Director of Children and Family Services and Director of Education & Skills.

The report details proposals for the procurement of a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) to facilitate the purchase of any external accommodation based social care or educational placements for children and young people, including those who are Children Looked After (CLA), or those assessed as children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

It is recommended that the Committee supports the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills against the following:

To procure a dynamic purchasing system (DPS), which will facilitate the purchasing of placements for individual children from providers of accommodation based services including independent foster and residential care and independent and non-maintained special schools, as and when they are required. The term of the DPS to be 7 years in total, starting on 1 February 2019 and concluding on 31st January 2026 (ref. 2.6).

To delegate authority to the Director Children and Family Services to implement the DPS for the period 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2026 for the supply of all Children's Placements and other support Services.

10. **Outturn Total Performance Monitor 2017/18** (Pages 117 - 152)

Report by the Director of Finance, Performance and Procurement.

This report concerns the end of year Total Performance Monitor outturn position for 2017/18 (attached at Appendix A)

for the Children & Young People and Education and Skills portfolios.

The Committee is invited to:

Examine the data and supporting commentary for the Outturn 2017/18 and make any relevant recommendations for action to the Cabinet Members.

Identify any issues for further scrutiny by this Committee.

Identify any strategic issues for referral to Performance and Finance Select Committee.

4.15 pm 11. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 153 - 164)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 4 June 2018.

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.

4.20 pm 12. **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.

4.20 pm 13. **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.

4.20 pm 14. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 12 September 2018 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 29 August 2018.

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