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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, 31 October 2018** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

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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.
- 10.30 am 2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 12)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September (cream paper).
- 10.30 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.
- 10.40 am 4. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 13 - 26)
- Extract from the Forward Plan dated 16 October 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.

10.45 am 5. **School Effectiveness Strategy 2018-2022** (Pages 27 - 72)

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

In June the Committee previewed the Draft School Effectiveness Strategy and requested that the final Strategy return to the Committee. The report updates the Committee on the progress made since June 2018, to develop and agree the new School Effectiveness Strategy 2018-2022. This includes the public consultation feedback and the refinements that have been made as a result.

The Committee is asked to acknowledge the pupil performance improvement at Key Stages 1 and 2 since 2016 and recent improvements in the quality of schools. The Committee is also asked to consider how it can actively support the Cabinet Member and officers in the strategy's implementation. It is also recommended that yearly updates are provided to the full Committee.

11.45 am 6. **Alterations to the Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help (IPEH) Service** (Pages 73 - 94)

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

Following a reduction in government funding for the 'Think Family' initiative in 2019/20, IPEH must adapt its service to manage this decline in funds. The report sets out how the service proposes to manage this reduction of £560,000, and proposes that a targeted family support service is developed to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged families in West Sussex.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People will be asked to approve proposals to maintain the services delivered using the national Troubled Families Initiative grant in 2019/20, beginning with those set out in the report.

The Committee is asked to review and comment upon the approach to reshaping IPEH to manage the reduction in resources in 2019/20.

The Committee will break for lunch at 12.45

1.15 pm 7. **Provision of accommodation for Care Leavers**

Report by the Executive Director Children, Adults, Families,

Health and Education – to follow.

The report explains plans to explore options for the County Council to acquire or invest in property for specialist accommodation for adolescents who would otherwise require external provision. The aims of the proposal, the potential benefits and the principles which will inform its development will be presented for comment and questions from the Committee.

2.15 pm 8. **Business Planning Group Report** (Pages 95 - 102)

The report informs the Committee of the Business Planning Group meeting held on 12 September 2018, 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).

The Education and Skills Annual Report will be the subject of a one meeting Task & Finish Group in the New Year. Four members of the committee are asked to volunteer to take part.

2.30 pm 9. **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.

2.30 pm 10. **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.

2.30 pm 11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 10 January 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 28th December 2018.

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