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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 **Thursday, 10 January 2019** 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 31 October 2018 (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.
- 10.35 am 4. **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 13 - 14)
- The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at the 31 October 2018 meeting.
- 10.40 am 5. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 15 - 30)
- Extract from the Forward Plan dated 21 December 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 6. **Review of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Special Support Centres (SSCs)** (Pages 31 - 74)

Report by Executive Director Childrens, Adults, Families, Health and Education, and Director of Education and Skills.

A review and update of the objectives of the SEND Strategy 2016-19, including the proposal to develop additional SSCs, in order to educate children with SEND locally, therefore reducing out of county placements.

The Committee is asked to consider the issues raised in the report, to consider the need to develop SSCs in order to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND locally, and to support the proposal.

- 11.45 am 7. **Outcome of School Funding review 2019/20 consultation** (Pages 75 - 86)

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

Following consultation with schools and the Schools Forum on proposed changes to funding arrangements affecting school budgets, the report sets out the suggested change to the distribution of funding for 2019/20.

The Committee is asked to consider the implications of the National Funding Formulae on the local funding formula for mainstream schools in West Sussex, to consider the impact of spending pressures for schools and on high needs expenditure. Finally, the Committee is asked to preview and support the Cabinet Member decision for changes to school funding in 2019/20.

The Committee will break for lunch at 12.30

- 1.00 pm 8. **West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017/18** (Pages 87 - 140)

Report by the Independent Chair of the West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board.

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

2.00 pm 9. **Business Planning Group Report** (Pages 141 - 144)

The report informs the Committee of the Business Planning Group meeting held virtually on 21 November 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 1).

2.15 pm 10. **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.

2.15 pm 11. **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.

2.15 pm 12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 7 March 2019 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 25 February 2019.

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