



# Buckinghamshire County Council

## Select Committee

Children's Social Care and Learning

**Date:** Tuesday 5 September 2017

**Time:** 10.30 am

**Venue:** Mezzanine Room 1, County Hall, Aylesbury

### AGENDA

#### 9.30 am Pre-meeting Discussion

This session is for members of the Committee only. It is to allow the members time to discuss lines of questioning, areas for discussion and what needs to be achieved during the meeting.

#### 10.30 am Formal Meeting Begins

Agenda Item	Time	Page No
1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	10:30	
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To declare any Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.		
3 MINUTES To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017.		7 - 20
4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS		



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| <b>5</b> | <b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b><br>For the Chairman of the Committee to provide an update on recent scrutiny related activity.  | <b>10:35</b> |                |
| <b>6</b> | <b>COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES</b><br>For members of the Committee to provide an update on any issue they are investigating on behalf of the Committee.   |              |                |
| <b>7</b> | <b>CABINET MEMBER QUESTION TIME</b><br>For Committee Members to ask questions on current key issues for each portfolio.<br><br>i) Mr Warren Whyte, Cabinet Member for Children's Services<br><br>ii) Mr Mike Appleyard, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills  | <b>10:45</b> |                |
| <b>8</b> | <b>VOICE OF THE CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON INQUIRY - RECOMMENDATION MONITORING</b><br>To review and make an assessment of progress against the agreed recommendations of the inquiry 6 months on.<br><br>Contributors <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Warren Whyte, Cabinet Member for Children's Services</li><li>• Mr Mike Appleyard, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills</li><li>• Mrs Carol Douch, Service Director, Children's Social Care</li></ul> The Committee will also be joined by young people at this point to help assess progress.<br><br>Members to agree to delegate the assigning of the RAG status to the Chairman following the meeting. | <b>10:55</b> | <b>21 - 34</b> |

9	<b>CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME ACTIONS - RESPONSE TO THIRD OFSTED MONITORING VISIT.</b>	11:35	35 - 46
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For Members to examine the actions being taken in respect of refreshing the Safeguarding Improvement Programme and look at the issues raised by Ofsted following their monitoring visit in April.

**Please note:** Between these papers being published and the meeting of the Committee, it is expected that Members will have received a copy of the latest Ofsted monitoring letter from their fourth visit in July – this will not have been taken into account in the papers provided for this meeting.

Contributors

- Mr Warren Whyte, Cabinet Member for Children's Services
- Ms Gladys Rhodes White, Executive Director, Children's Services
- Mrs Carol Douch, Executive Director, Children's Social Care

10	<b>PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS</b>	12:00	47 - 50
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At their meeting in January 2017, prior to the election in May, Members of the previous Committee heard about an increase in permanent exclusions in Buckinghamshire, particularly in primary schools. This item is for the new Committee Members to look into the current position, including permanent exclusions in secondary schools, before deciding whether further in depth work by Members on this subject needs to take place.

Contributors

- Mr Mike Appleyard, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
- Miss Sarah Callaghan, Service Directors, Education
- Mrs Vivian Trundell, Education Entitlement Manager

11	<b>EDUCATION STRATEGY</b>	12:30	51 - 62
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For Members to consider the proposals for the new Buckinghamshire Education Strategy and to contribute their views to help shape the strategy. The proposed strategy should be going out to public consultation on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Contributors

- Mr Mike Appleyard, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
- Miss Sarah Callaghan, Service Director, Education
- Mrs Maria Edmonds, Education Strategy Manager

<b>12</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S WORKFORCE INQUIRY- RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>63 - 70</b>
	To review and make an assessment of progress against recommendations 2 and 4 of the inquiry 12 months on. (Recommendations 1 and 3 have been agreed by the Committee as already implemented at their meeting on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2017)		
	Contributors		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Warren Whyte, Cabinet Member for Children's Services</li> <li>• Mrs Carol Douch, Service Director, Children's Social Care</li> </ul>		
	Members to agree to delegate the assigning of the RAG status for recommendations 2 and 4 to the Chairman following the meeting.		
<b>13</b>	<b>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</b>	<b>13:10</b>	
	To note the current work programme and contribute ideas for potential items to be looked at in future meetings.		
<b>14</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>13:15</b>	
	To note the next meeting of the Children's Social Care and Learning Select Committee on 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2017, Mezzanine Room 1, New County Hall, Aylesbury.		

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The Children's Social Care and Learning Select Committee shall have the power to scrutinise all issues in relation to the remit of the Children's Social Care and Learning Business Unit. This will include, but not exclusively, responsibility for scrutinising issues in relation to:

- Nurseries and early years education
- Schools and further education
- The Bucks Learning Trust
- Quality standards and performance in education
- Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Learning and skills
- Adult learning
- Children and family services
- Early intervention
- Child protection, safeguarding and prevention
- Children in care (looked after children)
- Children's psychology
- Children's partnerships

- Youth provision
- The Youth Offending Service

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## **Members**

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Mr D Dhillon	Ms J Ward
Mr M Hussain	Mr G Williams
Mr N Hussain	Ms K Wood
Mrs W Mallen	

## **Co-opted Members**

Mrs M Aston  
 Mr D Babb, Church of England Representative  
 Mr K Hamblin, Maintained Primary School Parent Governor Representative  
 Mr M Moore, Roman Catholic Church