



Buckinghamshire Council Children's & Education Select Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday 3 November 2022

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF

Membership: J Ward (Chairman), M Dormer (Vice-Chairman), S Adoh, K Bates, D Blamires, A Collingwood, N Hussain, S James, C Jones, S Kayani, Dr W Matthews, A Osibogun, D Summers, J Towns, P Turner, Z Williams and T Wilson

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	14:00	
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST For the Committee to disclose any pecuniary or disclosable personal interests.		
3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th September 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.		5 - 12
4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS Public Questions is an opportunity for people who live, work or study in Buckinghamshire to put a question to a Select Committee. The Committee will hear from members of the public who have submitted questions in advance relating to items on the agenda. The Cabinet Member, relevant key partners and responsible officers will be invited to respond.	14:10	

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Mrs Hodges has submitted the following two questions. (These are further to her questions from November 2011 – last year's response below in italics)

1. Could Buckinghamshire Council provide an update on the implementation of an EHC Hub (a digital platform) supporting engagement, contributions and collaboration on EHC assessments, plans and reviews. Parents/guardians, staff and professionals can spend considerable periods of time chasing information which could be accessed online providing up to date information to all parties,

(Last year's departmental response dated 11/11/21:

Digital platform for EHC needs assessments

Between April and July 21, we piloted a new online portal for inputting, logging and tracking EHC needs assessments. The idea will be that schools, professionals and families can all input into the system as part of the EHC needs assessment process. We have rolled this out to all schools since September 2021. This is for all new EHC plans. The next phase is to train and roll out with families. A longer term aspiration is to use this system for the annual review process of EHCPs as well.)

2. Could Buckinghamshire Council provide an update on the continual issues with staff recruitment and/or retention issues within the SEN department and associated support services which causes delay to statutory timescales.

5	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD 2021-2022	14:15	13 - 48
	To receive the Annual Report of the Buckinghamshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership Board 2021-2022, presented by the Chair, Walter McCulloch.		
	Contributors: Cllr Anita Cranmer, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services & Education Walter McCulloch, Independent Chair of the Board		
	Papers: Annual report of the Partnership Board Cover report		
6	CHILDREN'S SERVICES UPDATE - MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 2022	14:45	49 - 64
	For the Select Committee to note the developments in the Children's		

Services Directorate for the period March to September 2022.

Contributors:

Cllr Anita Cranmer, Portfolio holder, Children's Services & Education
John Macilwraith, Corporate Director of Children's Services

Papers:

Committee report

With links to:

Government White Paper – [Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child](#)

Government Green Paper – [SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time](#)

Independent review of Children's Social Care – Macalister - [report](#)
[SEND Education Sufficiency Plan](#)

Buckinghamshire Partnership Early Help Strategy - [refreshed strategy for 2022-2025](#)

[Participation Strategy for Young People.](#) -

7	CHILDREN MISSING EDUCATION For the Select Committee to receive the report on Children Missing Education in Buckinghamshire. Contributors: Cllr Anita Cranmer, Portfolio Holder, Children's Services & Education Simon James, Service Director for Education Papers: Committee report	15:25	65 - 80
8	WORK PROGRAMME For the Committee to note: (i) the work programme and (ii) the scoping document for the Rapid Review of Pathways in to SEND services	16:05	81 - 88
9	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Children's Services and Education Select Committee will take place on Thursday 26 th January 2023 at 2.00 p.m.	16:20	

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