



Buckinghamshire Council

Children's & Education Select Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday 7 September 2023

Time: 10.00 am

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

Membership: J Ward (Chairman), M Dormer, S Adoh, K Bates, D Blamires, L Clarke OBE, I Darby, C Jones, S Kayani, S Lewin, Dr W Matthews, A Osibogun (Vice-Chairman), D Summers, P Turner, Z Williams and T Wilson

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 15 th June 2023.		3 - 16
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. Further information on how to register can be found here: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/get-involved-with-council-decisions/select-committees/		
5 PLACEMENT SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY For the Select Committee to consider the Placement Sufficiency Strategy which sets out the aims of the department to provide places for children in care.		17 - 36

Contributors:

Cllr Anita Cranmer, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children's Services and Education

Richard Nash, Service Director – Children's Social Care

Sandra Carnell, Head of Children's Care Service

6 PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORKER ANNUAL REPORT 37 - 70

For the Select Committee to consider a progress report on the work of the Principal Social Worker during 2022/23 to promote and improve the quality of social work practice, highlight the achievements for this year and identify priorities for the coming year.

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7 UPDATE ON OFSTED WORK 71 - 76

For the Committee to receive an update on progress with Ofsted work and to receive the annual engagement meeting letter from Ofsted with regards to social care and education, 30 June 2023.

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John Macilwraith, Corporate Director for Children's Services

Richard Nash, Service Director Children's Social Care

8 WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2024 77 - 78

For the Select Committee to receive the work programme for the forthcoming year and make any suggestions thereon.

Contributors:

All Members

Katie Dover, Senior Scrutiny Officer

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Select Committee will take place on Thursday 2nd November at 2.00 p.m. in the Paralympic Room, The Gateway, Aylesbury.

If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

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