

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 3rd June, 2024
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

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PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To note any apologies for absence from Members.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 April 2024.

For requests for further information

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4. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

In accordance with paragraph 2.24 of the Council's Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking, set out in the [Constitution](#), a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to put questions to the committee on any matter relating to this agenda. Each member of the public will be allowed up to two minutes each to speak, and the Chair will have discretion to vary this where they consider it appropriate.

Members of the public wishing to speak are required to provide notice of this at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

Petitions - To receive any petitions which have met the criteria - [Petitions Scheme Criteria](#), and falls within the remit of the Committee. Petition organisers will be allowed up to three minutes to speak.

5. **Ofsted Inspection Findings** (Pages 13 - 46)

To receive the report on the findings from the Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS), conducted in February and March 2024, and the plans in place to improve our services in relation to the findings.

6. **Update on the Progress of the Key Areas of the Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan 2024/25 to 2030/31** (Pages 47 - 70)

To receive an update on key areas of progress against the plan.

7. **Final Outturn 2023/24** (Pages 71 - 100)

To receive a report on the final outturn for Children and Families services for the financial year 2023/24.

8. **Service Budgets 2024/25 (Children & Families Committee)** (Pages 101 - 126)

To receive the report setting out the allocation of the approved budgets for 2024/25 to the Children and Families Committee.

9. **Children and Families Capital Programme - Capital Schemes** (Pages 127 - 150)

To receive an update on the progress in delivering the school capital programme for 2024/25.

10. **Academisation of Cledford Primary School, George IV Avenue, Middlewich** (Pages 151 - 224)

To consider the report on the academisation of Cledford Primary School.

11. **Academisation of Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School, Belgrave Road, Crewe** (Pages 225 - 298)

To consider the report on the academisation of Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School.

12. **Appointments to Sub-Committees, Working Groups, Panels, Boards and Joint Committees** (Pages 299 - 314)

To appoint members to the Cared for Children and Care Leavers Committee and to nominate a member to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

13. **Children and Families Quarter 3 Scorecard 2023/24** (Pages 315 - 324)

To receive the Children and Families Q3 Scorecard for 2023/24.

14. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

15. **Children and Families Capital Programme - Capital Schemes** (Pages 325 - 328)

To receive the confidential appendices to the report.

16. **Work Programme** (Pages 329 - 332)

To consider the work programme and determine any required amendments.

Membership: Councillors R Bailey, M Beanland, S Bennett-Wake, J Bird, C Bulman (Chair), N Cook, M Edwards, E Gilman (Vice-Chair), G Hayes, B Posnett, B Puddicombe, J Saunders and G Smith