

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 16th September, 2024
Time:	5.00 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.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making meetings are audio recorded and the recordings will be uploaded to the Council's website

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 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 July 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. **Improvement Plan Progress Update** (Pages 9 - 84)

To provide an update on progress against the children's services improvement plan to address the findings from the Ofsted inspection of local authority children's services (ILACS) conducted in February and March 2024.

6. **Youth Justice Plan 2024-27** (Pages 85 - 152)

To consider a report seeking approval of the 2024-27 Youth Justice Plan.

7. **First Financial Review 2024/25** (Pages 153 - 212)

To receive a report on the first financial review for Children and Families services for the financial year 2024/25.

8. **Update on the progress of the key areas of the Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan 2024/25 to 2030/31 - Quarter 1 2024/2025** (Pages 213 - 236)

To receive an update on the progress of the mitigations detailed within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) management plan and a forecast outturn position in relation to the DSG deficit reserve.

9. **Paediatric Speech, Language and Communication Therapy Service** (Pages 237 - 262)

To consider a report on the Paediatric Speech, Language and Communication Therapy (SLCN) Service following the review, consultation and engagement by the Council and Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board.

10. **Childcare Expansion Capital Grant and Wraparound Childcare Revenue Grant Policies** (Pages 263 - 292)

To consider a report seeking approval in relation to the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant Policy and the Wraparound Childcare Revenue Grant Policy.

11. **Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for 2026-27** (Pages 293 - 342)

To consider a report seeking approval to consult on the Co-ordinated Scheme and Admissions Arrangements to comply with the statutory duty.

12. **SEND Partnership Strategy and Governance** (Pages 343 - 376)

To consider a report seeking approval on the proposed governance structure for 0-25 SEND Partnership and plan to refresh SEND strategy.

13. **Schools Capacity Return (SCAP Return)** (Pages 377 - 396)

To note a report on the recently submitted Schools Capacity Return (SCAP).

14. **Work Programme** (Pages 397 - 404)

To consider the work programme and determine any required amendments.

15. **Minutes of Sub-Committees** (Pages 405 - 408)

To note the minutes of the Cared for Children and Care Leavers Committee meeting held on 5 December 2023.

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