

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 13th January, 2025
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	The Capesthorpe Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

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 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 November 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. **Third Financial Review 24/25** (Pages 15 - 104)

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

6. **Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2025/26 - 2028/29 Provisional Settlement Update (Children & Families Committee)** (Pages 105 - 166)

To consider the proposals within the budget consultation relating to the Committee's responsibilities.

7. **Improvement Plan Progress Update** (Pages 167 - 250)

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.

8. **Update on the progress of the key areas of the Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan 2024/25 to 2030/31 - Financial Reporting 3 2024/2025** (Pages 251 - 268)

To receive an up-to-date forecast deficit reserve position for 2024-25 on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) management plan.

9. **Update on the Transformation of Travel Support** (Pages 269 - 282)

To receive an overview of progress and impact to date against the plans to transform travel support for children and young people in Cheshire East.

10. **Work Programme** (Pages 283 - 286)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

11. **Minutes of Sub-Committees** (Pages 287 - 294)

To note the minutes of the Cared for Children and Care Leavers Committee meeting held on 18 June 2024 and 30 September 2024.

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