

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 15th September, 2025
Time:	10.30 am
Venue:	The Capesthorne 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.

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 - 18)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 June 2025.

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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. **Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Service (Pages 19 - 134)**

To consider a report on the review, consultation and engagement by the council of the domestic abuse safe accommodation service, and the new Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse Strategy 2025/28.

6. **Supported Accommodation for 16–25-year-old Children in Care and Care Leavers (Pages 135 - 156)**

To consider a report which provides an update on the recommissioning activity approved at Committee in June, to provide oversight of the agreed service model and to seek authorisation to follow a competitive tender process and award the successful provider(s) the Supported Accommodation contract from 1st July 2026.

7. **First Financial Review of 2025/26 (Pages 157 - 228)**

To consider a report on the first financial review for year 2025/26.

8. **Families First Task and Finish Group Feedback (Pages 229 - 276)**

To receive feedback on the work of the Families First Elected Members Task and Finish Group.

9. **Improvement Plan Progress Report (Pages 277 - 348)**

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. This also includes the findings from the second Ofsted monitoring visit in June 2025, and the findings from the councillor visits to frontline services which took place in July 2025.

10. **DSG management plan - reprofiled 2025/26-2031/32 (Pages 349 - 374)**

To receive an update of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) management plan for the period 2025/26 to 2031/32 to reflect the financial outturn position and the reduced growth of Education, Health and Care plans (EHCP) numbers as at 31 March 2025.

11. **Work Programme (Pages 375 - 378)**

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

12. **Minutes of Sub-Committees (Pages 379 - 386)**

To note the minutes of the Cared for Children and Care Leavers Committee meeting held on 4 March 2025 and 24 June 2025.

13. **Approval to progress with the proposal for the provision of a new Primary school at Basford East, Shavington (Pages 387 - 404)**

To consider a report on the proposal to progress with the free school presumption process to open a new primary school in Basford East, Shavington, including the process of attracting potential sponsors to run the new school.

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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART 2 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

15. **Approval to progress with the proposal for the provision of a new Primary school at Basford East, Shavington (Pages 405 - 408)**

To consider the confidential appendix to the report.

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