

# **Children and Families Scrutiny Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Tuesday, 27th July, 2010  
**Time:** 10.30 am  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2010.

3. **Declaration of Interest/Party Whip**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests and for members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda.

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For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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4. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public notified the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting with brief details of the matter to be covered.

5. **Admissions Regulations**

To receive a presentation from Lorraine Butcher

6. **Adoption** (Pages 9 - 26)

To give consideration to a report on the adoption service

7. **Early Years Funding Reform - Briefing on the National Formula**

To receive a presentation by Lorraine Butcher

8. **Informal Meetings**

To consider the use of informal meetings at mid points in the calendar

9. **Forward Plan - Extracts** (Pages 27 - 30)

To note the current Forward Plan, identify any new items and to determine whether any further examination of new issues is appropriate

10. **Work Programme Update** (Pages 31 - 40)

To give consideration to the work programme

11. **Consultations from Cabinet**

To note any consultations referred to the Committee from Cabinet and to determine whether any further action is appropriate.