

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 5th August, 2020

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Virtual Meeting

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It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making and Overview and Scrutiny 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**
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2020.

For requests for further information

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3. **Declarations of Interest**

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

4. **Declaration of Party Whip**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda

5. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement 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.

Members of the public wishing to make a statement should provide notice in writing at least three clear working days before the meeting takes place.

6. **Covid-19 Education Update** (Pages 11 - 24)

To consider a report on the impacts of Covid-19 to education and schools in Cheshire East.

7. **Review of Fostering Service** (Pages 25 - 36)

To consider an update on Foster4 and the wider development work within the Fostering Service.

8. **Regional Adoption Agency Integrated Services Agreement**

To consider a presentation update on the Regional Adoption Agency, Adoption Counts, and the decision due to be taken by Cabinet on 8 September 2020 to approve that the council enter into an integrated service agreement and associated support agreement with its partners.

9. **Member Frontline Visits** (Pages 37 - 46)

To consider the plans to reinstate Member frontline visits.

10. **Youth Zone Update**

To consider an update on the potential for an externally funded capital development Youth Zone in Crewe.

11. **Forward Plan** (Pages 47 - 58)

To give consideration to the areas of the forward plan which fall within the remit of the Committee.

12. **Work Programme** (Pages 59 - 68)

To give consideration to the work programme

Membership: Councillors M Addison, J Barber, M Beanland, D Brown, J Buckley, C Bulman (Vice-Chairman), P Butterill, S Handley, A Moran, J Saunders (Chairman), L Smith, N Wylie