

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 29th April, 2024
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

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 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**

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 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 February 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. **Revised Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan 2024/25 to 2030/31 following the Department of Education Safety Valve Intervention Programme** (Pages 13 - 54)

To receive a report on the Safety Valve intervention programme and the impact on the Dedicated Schools Grant management plan.

6. **Children's Centre Re-modelling into the Family Hub Model** (Pages 55 - 68)

To receive the report seeking approval to carry out a consultation to repurpose existing children centres to meet MTFs savings while continuing to deliver the services flexibly.

7. **Household Support Fund Grant 5 Delivery** (Pages 69 - 82)

To receive the report providing an update on the Household Support Fund 5 (HSF5) grant awarded to Cheshire East and seeking delegated approval to deliver the fund in line with the proposals set out in the paper.

8. **Youth Justice Service Hosted Model Proposal** (Pages 83 - 104)

To receive the report on a proposed move from the current shared service arrangement for the management and delivery of youth justice services to a hosted model.

9. **Travel Support for Children and Young People - Available Walking Routes Update** (Pages 105 - 116)

To consider the report on the transformation of travel support for children and young people.

10. **Decision on the Future Delivery of the School Catering Service** (Pages 117 - 132)

To receive the report which provides further information on the impact of the proposal to cease the delivery of Cheshire East's catering service and seeks a decision to cease trading from April 2025.

11. **Children and Families Scorecard Quarter 3 2023/24** (Pages 133 - 142)

To receive the Children and Families scorecard for quarter 3 of 2023-24.

12. **Implementation of All Age Direct Payment Policy** (Pages 143 - 276)

To consider a report on the implementation of the All Age Direct Payment Policy.

13. **Work Programme** (Pages 277 - 278)

To consider the work programme and determine any required amendments.

14. **Minutes of Sub-Committees** (Pages 279 - 286)

To note the minutes of the following sub-committees:

Local Authority School Governor Nomination Sub-Committee – 14 June 2023

Local Authority School Governor Nomination Sub-Committee – 23 November 2023

Cared for Children and Care Leavers Committee – 5 September 2023

15. **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.

16. **SEND Free Schools - Update** (Pages 287 - 304)

To consider the part 2 report and appendix.

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