

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 7th April, 2025
Time:	2.00 pm
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 - 12)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2025.

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. **Service Budgets 2025/26 (Children & Families Committee) (Pages 13 - 54)**

To consider the report which sets out the allocation of approved budgets for 2025-26.

6. **Children and Families Capital Programme -Capital schemes (including new, named, and amended schemes and School Condition Programme) (Pages 55 - 84)**

To consider a report on the Children and families Capital Programme – Capital schemes (including new, named, and amended schemes and School Condition Programme).

7. **Improvement Plan Progress Update (Pages 85 - 158)**

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 and an update on the findings from the first Ofsted monitoring visit on the front door.

8. **Delivery proposals for the Household Support Fund (HSF7) 2025/26 (Pages 159 - 170)**

To consider a report on the proposed delivery model of the Household Support Fund for 2025/26.

9. **Academisation of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Middlewich (Pages 171 - 246)**

To consider a report on the academisation of Academisation of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Middlewich.

10. **Academisation Forward Plan (Pages 247 - 254)**

To receive an update on the forward plan for academisation.

11. **Work Programme** (Pages 255 - 260)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

12. **Minutes of Sub-Committees** (Pages 261 - 264)

To note the minutes of the Cared for Children and Care Leavers Committee meeting held on 3 December 2024.

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