

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Children and Families Committee**  
held on Monday, 8th July, 2024 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings,  
Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor C Bulman (Chair)  
Councillor E Gilman (Vice-Chair)

Councillors M Beanland, J Bird, M Edwards, G Hayes, B Posnett,  
B Puddicombe, J Saunders, G Smith, A Burton, M Goldsmith and L Wardlaw

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Rob Polkinghorne, Chief Executive  
Deborah Woodcock, Executive Director Children's Services  
Claire Williamson, Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration  
Andrea Stone, Interim Director of Family Help and Social Care  
David Brown, Director of Governance and Compliance  
Lauren Conway, Business Manager  
Janet Witkowski, Head of Legal  
Nikki Wood-Hill, Lead Finance Partner  
Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer

## **ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Janet Clowes

## **17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Bailey, S Bennett-Wake and N Cook. Cllrs L Wardlaw, A Burton and M Goldsmith attended as substitutes.

## **18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2024 be agreed as a correct record.

## **20 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION**

There were no public speakers.

## 21 ILACS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The committee discussed the matter of Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the report being marked 'to follow' on the main agenda and therefore not being published within the required five clear working days of the meeting, as set out in the constitution. Members raised concerns that this had not allowed time for due consideration and scrutiny, and it was proposed and seconded that the item be deferred.

It was noted that there had been an administrative error which had caused two differing figures to be reported on the cost. Officers confirmed that the correct figure was £1.9m and that this would be rectified when re-publishing the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

By majority:

1. That the matter be deferred to an alternative meeting of the Children and Families Committee, to be scheduled for 5.30pm on Tuesday 16 July 2024.

Unanimously:

2. That the report be published as planned with the agenda for the meeting of full Council 17 July 2024, on the basis that amendments may be made by the Children and Families Committee on 16 July.

## 22 WORK PROGRAMME

It was agreed that the work programme would be considered at the meeting on 16 July.

The meeting commenced at 14:00 and concluded at 15:15

Councillor C Bulman (Chair)