

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date: **Monday, 19 January 2026**

Time: **10.30 a.m.**

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.

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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 3 - 18)

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

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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. **Formal Consideration of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Report** (Pages 19 - 30)

To present the findings of the Ombudsman's investigation and seek formal consideration and noting of the conclusions, including the Council's response and amended practices.

6. **Crisis and Resilience Fund 2026 - 2029 - Delivery Plan** (Pages 31 - 48)

To consider a report on the Crisis and Resilience Fund 2026 - 2029 - Delivery Plan.

7. **Renewing the Sufficiency Strategy and Expanding Specialist Provision in Cheshire East – Options Paper** (Pages 49 - 72)

To consider an options paper/report regarding Renewing the Sufficiency Strategy and Expanding Specialist Provision in Cheshire East.

8. **National House Project** (Pages 73 - 130)

To consider a report regarding the National House Project.

9. **Improvement Plan Progress Report** (Pages 131 - 202)

To consider a report which provides an update on progress made against the Children's Services Improvement Plan.

10. **Work Programme** (Pages 203 - 206)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

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