

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 11th November, 2024
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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 5 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 September 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. **November Children's Rights Month Campaign 2024** (Pages 13 - 38)

To receive a presentation from Cheshire East Youth Council.

6. **Improvement Plan Progress Update** (Pages 39 - 122)

To receive 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.

7. **Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan 2024/25 to 2030/31 Update** (Pages 123 - 150)

To receive an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) management plan for the period 2024/25 to 2030/31.

8. **Second Financial Review of 2024/25 (Children & Families Committee)** (Pages 151 - 222)

To receive a report on the current forecast outturn for the financial year 2024/25 based on income, expenditure and known commitments as at the end of August 2024. It also identifies actions that are being taken to address adverse variances to urgently address financial sustainability.

9. **Medium Term Financial Strategy Update 2025/26 - 2028/29 (Children & Families Committee)** (Pages 223 - 234)

To receive a report outlining further development activity required before the final MTFs 2025-29 is presented for approval to the budget setting Council meeting in February 2025.

10. **Children's Centre Remodelling into the Family Hub Outreach Model** (Pages 235 - 278)
To consider a report seeking approval for the remodelling of children's centres.
11. **Household Support Fund 2024/25 (HSF5 Review and HSF6 Proposal)** (Pages 279 - 310)
To consider a report on the Household Support Fund 5 evaluation and the proposed amendments for delivery of the Household Support Fund 6.
12. **Proposed Expansion of Springfield School** (Pages 311 - 360)
To consider a report on the proposed expansion of Springfield School.
13. **Proposal for the Reuse of Flag Lane Baths Site for the Purpose of an Alternative Provision School** (Pages 361 - 372)
To consider a report on the proposal for the reuse of the Flag Lane Baths site.
14. **Proposed Change in Age Range at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Middlewich** (Pages 373 - 388)
To consider a report on the proposed change in age range at St Mary's Catholic Primary School.
15. **Academisation of Lower Park School** (Pages 389 - 458)
To receive a report on the academisation of Lower Park School.
16. **Academisation of St John's CofE Primary School** (Pages 459 - 526)
To consider a report on the academisation of St John's CofE Primary School.
17. **Academisation of Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School, Belgrave Road, Crewe - Identification of Remedial Works** (Pages 527 - 534)
To consider a report on the academisation of Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School.
18. **Work Programme** (Pages 535 - 538)
To consider the work programme and determine any required amendments.

19. **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.

20. **Academisation of Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School, Belgrave Road, Crewe - Identification of Remedial Works** (Pages 539 - 540)

To consider the confidential appendix to the report.

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