

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 10th February, 2025
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	The Capesthorpe 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 13 January 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. **Schools Funding Formula and Early Years Funding Formula 2025/26 (Pages 13 - 46)**

To consider a report on the Schools Funding Formula and Early Years Funding Formula 2025/26.

6. **Determination of the Co-ordinated Scheme and Admissions Arrangements for 2026-27 (Pages 47 - 126)**

To consider a report on the determination of the Co-ordinated Scheme and Admissions Arrangements for 2026- 2027.

7. **Academisation of St Benedict's Primary School (Pages 127 - 208)**

To consider a report on the academisation of St Benedict's Primary School.

8. **Academisation of Hurdsfield Community Primary School (Pages 209 - 276)**

To consider a report on the academisation of Hurdsfield Community Primary School.

9. **Briefing around Schools forecasting financial deficits in 2024/25 (Pages 277 - 282)**

To receive a briefing report around Schools forecasting financial deficits in 2024/25.

10. **Work Programme (Pages 283 - 284)**

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

11. **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 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART 2 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

12. **Briefing around Schools forecasting financial deficits in 2024/25 (Pages 285 - 288)**

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