

Children and Families Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 10th November, 2025
Time:	10.30 am
Venue:	Committee Suite 1, 2 and 3, Delamere House, Delamere Street, Crewe, CW1 2JZ

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 - 18)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 September 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. **Cheshire East Youth Council Presentation** (Pages 19 - 28)

To receive a presentation of the priorities and views of children and young people across Cheshire East by representatives from Cheshire East Youth Council.

6. **Youth Justice Plan (2025-26 update)** (Pages 29 - 106)

To consider a report on the updated Youth Justice Strategic Plan for Cheshire.

7. **Update on Home to School Transport Task & Finish Group**

To receive a verbal update on the progress of the task and finish group in relation to Home to School Transport.

8. **Second Financial Review 25/26** (Pages 107 - 130)

To consider a report which provides an update on the current forecast outturn for the financial year 2025/26.

9. **Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27 - 2029/30** (Pages 131 - 144)

To consider the report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27-2029/30.

10. **Holiday Activity and Food Programme 2026 to 2029** (Pages 145 - 162)

To consider a report on the Holiday and Activity Food Programme 2026 – 2029.

11. **Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual report 2024/2025** (Pages 163 - 210)

To scrutinise a report on the progress by Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Partnership, and the impact for children and young people, recognising the achievements and progress made, and to seek assurance around ongoing areas for further development.

12. **Improvement Plan Progress Report** (Pages 211 - 280)

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. This also includes the findings from the councillor visits to frontline services which took place in September 2025.

13. **Work Programme** (Pages 281 - 284)

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