

Meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 6.00pm

On Microsoft Teams

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Agenda - Public Session

(Meeting open to the public and press)

1. Chairs Announcements

Welcome to this virtual meeting. This is a formal Council Committee. The public proceedings will take place live on the Internet.

It will assist with the conduct of business if participants speak only when invited. I shall adjourn the meeting if necessary if protocol is not observed.

Members of the public are welcome to view the proceedings but should not make contributions until they are invited in line with our procedure.

All Members of the Committee have received the reports and associated documents in advance and had the opportunity to read them. The public reports are published on the Internet.

All participants should mute their microphones and video feed when they are not speaking.

Please remember to unmute your microphone and switch on your video feed when it is your turn to speak. Speak clearly and slowly into your microphone.

Anyone wishing to speak should indicate using the 'raise your hand' button on Microsoft Teams. I will invite people to speak at the appropriate time.

If you do not have the hand button, please type your request to speak in the chat function. Please note that the 'chat' function is monitored and has a full audit trail and anyone found to be misusing this function will be removed from the meeting.

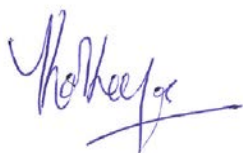
Finally, I ask for everyone's patience with the use of technology. I apologise in advance if we experience any unforeseen difficulties which we shall try to



resolve expeditiously.

I shall now follow the agenda items as listed.

2. Apologies for absence.
3. To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
4. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
5. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2020 as a correct record.
6. Children's Services Update – Acting Director of Children's Services.
7. Medium Term Financial Strategy (Pages 1 – 29)
8. Children's Services Customer Complaints: Response Times Action Plan (Pages 30 – 32)
9. Education Report (Pages 33 – 61)
10. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).



Chief Executive

Dated: 12th January 2021



Distribution:

Members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee:

Councillor A Millward (Chair)

Councillor P Sahota (Vice-Chair)

Councillors M Aston, J Baines, I Bevan, P Bradley, J Cooper, S Craigie, K Lewis, C Perks and S Ridney.

Cc Councillor R Buttery (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People)

Church Representative – Mr T Reid (Worcester Diocesan Board of Education)

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