



Children, Young People & Education Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 27 October 2021
Time:	6.00 p.m.
Venue:	The Floral Pavillion

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AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
2. APOLOGIES
3. MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings held 13 September 2021 and 4 October 2021.

5. PUBLIC AND MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Public Questions

Notice of question to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Friday 22 Oct to the Council's Monitoring Officer (committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 10

Statements and Petitions

Statements

Notice of representations to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Friday 22 October 2021 to the Council's Monitoring Officer (committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 11.

Petitions

Petitions may be presented to the Committee. The person presenting the petition will be allowed to address the meeting briefly (not exceeding one minute) to outline the aims of the petition. The Chair will refer the matter to another appropriate body of the Council within whose terms of reference it falls without discussion, unless a relevant item appears elsewhere on the Agenda. Please give notice of petitions to committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk in advance of the meeting.

Questions by Members

Questions by Members to dealt with in accordance with Standing Orders 12.3 to 12.8.

SECTION A - DECISIONS

- 6. PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES TO ENCOURAGE, ENABLE AND ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATION IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Pages 13 - 18)**
- 7. EXTENSION OF THE ADOPTION IN MERSEYSIDE (AIM) PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 19 - 28)**

SECTION B - BUDGET REPORTS

SECTION C - PERFORMANCE REPORTS

- 8. PERFORMANCE UPDATE - SOCIAL WORK WORKFORCE (Pages 29 - 36)**
- 9. REVIEW OF PARTICIPATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 TO 18 SEPT 2021 (Pages 37 - 42)**

SECTION D - REVIEWS/ REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- 10. WIRRAL PLAN DELIVERY PLANS (Pages 43 - 56)**
- 11. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 57 - 64)**

3 CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

3.1 Composition:

Eleven (11) Members of the Council, subject to proportionality, which may be altered to accommodate the overall political balance calculation, together with:

- (i) one representative of the Church of England Diocesan Board and one representative of the Roman Catholic Diocesan Board, who may only vote on education matters;
- (ii) two Co-opted Parent Governor Representatives (non-voting)

3.2 Terms of Reference

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is responsible for services which help keep children and young people safe and fulfil their potential. It incorporates schools and attainment, and social care for children and families. It has a particular focus on those children who are in care, and for whom the Council has corporate parenting responsibility.

The Committee is charged by full Council to undertake responsibility for:-

- (a) exercising management, oversight and delivery of services to children and young people in relation to their care, wellbeing, education or health, with the exception of any powers reserved to full Council;
- (b) the functions and powers conferred on or exercisable by the Council as Local Authority in relation to the provision of education;
- (c) working with all schools (including academies) in relation to raising standards of attainment and developing opportunities;

- (d) leading for the Council and its partners in the discharge the Council's functions as Corporate Parent for its children in care and care leavers;
- (e) any other functions comprised in partnership arrangements with other bodies connected with the delivery of services for children, young people and families;
- (f) providing a view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management in relation to the Committee's functions;
- (g) undertaking the development and implementation of policy in relation to the Committee's functions, incorporating the assessment of outcomes, review of effectiveness and formulation of recommendations to the Council, partners and other bodies, which shall include any decision relating to:
 - child protection;
 - children's centres;
 - education, schools and settings;
 - looked after children;
 - mental health services;
 - safeguarding;
 - special educational needs and disability (SEND);
 - youth offending services;
 - youth services; and
 - social and education transport

3.3 Methodology

- (a) **Enquiries and Policy Development** -The Committee may undertake enquiries and investigate the available options for future direction in policy development and may appoint advisors and assessors to assist them in this process. They may go on site visits, conduct public surveys, hold public meetings, commission research and do all other things that they reasonably consider necessary to inform their deliberations.
- (b) **Overview and Scrutiny** - The Committee may scrutinise and review decisions made or actions taken by the Authority in so far as they have a direct impact on the role or functions of the committee and the Committee can make recommendations to the relevant Committee on policies, budget and service delivery. Overview and scrutiny of the Council is an important part of the Committee's remit as part of a 'doing and reviewing' approach. Upon conclusion of a scrutiny exercise the Committee will produce a report containing recommendations for decision by the Policy and Resources Committee or other Committee as may be relevant. In doing so, the

Committee shall have regard to the overview and scrutiny means of working set out at Part 4(4) of this Constitution.

- (c) **Stakeholders** - The Committee may invite stakeholders to address the committee on issues of local concern and/or answer questions in so far as it impacts directly or indirectly on the role of functions of the committee