

Scrutiny Children & Young People Sub-Committee Agenda



To: Councillors Councillor Richard Chatterjee (Chair), Councillor Maddie Henson (Vice-Chair), Mike Bonello, Mark Johnson, Holly Ramsey, Helen Redfern, Manju Shahul-Hameed and Catherine Wilson

Co-optee Members

Josephine Copeland (Non-voting Teacher representative), Elaine Jones (Voting Diocesan Representative (Catholic Diocese)) and Paul O'Donnell (Voting Parent Governor Representative)

Reserve Members: Tamar Barrett, Adele Benson, Samir Dwesar, Amy Foster, Endri Llabuti, Eunice O'Dame and Fatima Zaman

A meeting of the **Scrutiny Children & Young People Sub-Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Tuesday, 23 January 2024 at 6.30 pm. The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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AGENDA – PART A

1. Apologies for absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 14)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other registrable and non-registrable interests they may have in relation to any item(s) of business on today's agenda.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Budget Scrutiny Challenge (Pages 15 - 16)

The Children & Young People Sub-Committee is asked to review the information provided on the identified budget proposals and reach a conclusion on the following:

1. Are the savings deliverable, sustainable and not an unacceptable risk?
2. Is the impact on service users and the wider community understood?
3. Have all reasonable alternative options been explored and do no better options exist?

(To Follow)

6. Cabinet Report - Education Estates Strategy

The Children & Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee has asked to review the Cabinet Paper on the Education Estates Strategy to conduct Pre-Decision Scrutiny, looking particularly at the management of surplus school places, Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) provision, and the proposed Schools' Maintenance Plan. *(To Follow)*

- 7. Early Help, Children's Social Care and Education Dashboard**
(Pages 17 - 22)
For the Sub-Committee to receive the Early Help, Children's Social Care and Education Dashboard.
- 8. Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Recommendations** (Pages 23 - 26)
The Children & Young People Sub-Committee is presented with the most recent Cabinet responses to its past recommendations.
- 9. Scrutiny Work Programme 2023-24** (Pages 27 - 32)
The Sub-Committee is asked to:
1. Note the draft work programme for 2023-24, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
 2. Consider whether there are any changes to the work programme that should be considered.
- 10. What Difference has this Meeting made to Croydon's Children**
This item is an opportunity for the Children & Young People Sub-Committee, at the conclusion of the meeting, to review the difference made to Croydon's children from the meeting.
- 11. Exclusion of the Press and Public**
The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:
- “That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”

PART B