

Scrutiny Children & Young People Sub-Committee Agenda



To: Councillors Councillor Andrew Price (Chair), Councillor Maddie Henson (Vice-Chair), Tamar Barrett, Danielle Denton, Mark Johnson, Holly Ramsey, Manju Shahul-Hameed and Catherine Wilson

Co-optee Members

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

Reserve Members: Adele Benson, Louis Carserides, Samir Dwesar, Jessica Hammersley-Rich, Patricia Hay-Justice, 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 **Monday, 20 January 2025 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 Sub-Committee.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 30)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2024 as an accurate record.

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act 2011, they are required to consider **in advance of each meeting** whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI), some other registrable interest (ORI) or a non-registrable interest (NRI) in relation to any matter on the agenda. If advice is needed, Members should contact the Monitoring Officer **in good time before the meeting**.

If any Member or co-opted Member of the Council identifies a DPI or ORI which they have not already registered on the Council's register of interests or which requires updating, they must urgently complete the disclosure form which can be obtained from Democratic Services at any time, copies of which will be available at the meeting for return to the Monitoring Officer.

Members and co-opted Members are required in general to disclose any relevant DPIs, ORIs or NRIs at the meeting.

- Where the matter relates to a DPI they may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not stay in the room unless granted a dispensation.
- Where the matter directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of an ORI they may not vote on the matter unless granted a dispensation.
- Where a Member or co-opted Member has an NRI which directly relates to or affects their or a relevant person's financial interest or wellbeing, whether they can participate in any discussion or vote on the matter or stay in the room depends on the detailed rules in paragraphs 7 to 9 of Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct.

The Chair will invite Members to make their disclosure of interests orally at the meeting and they will also be recorded in the minutes.

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

The Sub-Committee have asked to review information on three budget proposals (identified below), to allow Members to reach conclusions on the following areas:

1. Are the savings/growth deliverable, sustainable and not an unacceptable risk.
2. Are the impacts on service users and the wider community understood.
3. Have all reasonable alternative options been explored and do no better options exist.
4. Do these proposals align with the Mayor's Business Plan?

Medium Term Financial Strategy Proposals:

Proposals identified for Scrutiny from the [MTFS](#):

- SEND Transport - 2025-29 SCRER GRO 005
- Children's Social Care demographic growth and market price pressures - 2025-29 GRO CYPE 001
- Strategic delivery partner savings - 2025-29 SAV CYPE 001

(To Follow)

6. Cabinet Reports - Education & SEND Estates Strategies

The Children & Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee has asked to review the Cabinet Papers (the Education Estates Strategy and the SEND 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 (October 2024) and Health Visiting KPIs (Q2 24/25) (Pages 31 - 38)

For the Sub-Committee to receive the Early Help, Children's Social Care and Education Dashboard.

8. Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Recommendations (Pages 39 - 46)

The Children & Young People Sub-Committee is presented with an up to date list of responses from Cabinet to recommendations made by the Sub-Committee for review.

9. Scrutiny Work Programme 2024-25 (Pages 47 - 54)

The Sub-Committee is asked to:

1. Note the draft work programme for 2024-25, 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