

Blackpool Council

16 January 2024

To: Councillors Bamborough, S Brookes, Cooper, Critchley, Ellison, Fenlon, Flanagan, Jones and C Mitchell

Co-optees: Gemma Clayton, Jo Snape

The above members are requested to attend the:

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 25 January 2024 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool

A G E N D A

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

(1) the type of interest concerned either a

- (a) personal interest
- (b) prejudicial interest
- (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2023 (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 November 2023 as a true and correct record.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING

To consider any requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.

4 EXECUTIVE AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS (Pages 7 - 14)

To consider the Executive and Cabinet Member decisions within the portfolios of the Cabinet Members taken since the last meeting of the Committee.

5 FORWARD PLAN (Pages 15 - 22)

The Committee to consider the content of the Council's Forward Plan January 2024 to April 2024, relating to the portfolios of the relevant Cabinet Members.

6 HEALTH WAITING TIMES AND ACCESS TO SERVICES (Pages 23 - 34)

The purpose of the report is to respond to issues that were raised during the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee in June 2023 that related to access to health services for children and young people with SEND.

7 SEND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ACTION AND STRATEGY UPDATE (Pages 35 - 62)

The purpose of this report is to:

- Inform Scrutiny of the progress made since the February 2022 Ofsted and CQC SEND inspection.
- Inform Scrutiny of developments in relation to the SEND Strategy.

8 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE (Pages 63 - 112)

To consider progress made against the Children's Social Care Improvement Plan.

9 SAFEGUARDING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 113 - 122)

To provide an update on Safeguarding Governance arrangements.

10 SCRUTINY WORKPLAN (Pages 123 - 134)

To note the ongoing workplan for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year and consider the update to previous Committee recommendations. To also consider the outcomes of work undertaken outside of the Committee.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting as Wednesday 27 March 2024 commencing at 6.00pm.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager, Tel: 01253 477213, e-mail sharon.davis@blackpool.gov.uk

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