

Agenda

Children and young people scrutiny committee

Date: **Tuesday 1 December 2020**

Time: **1.00 pm**

Place: **Online meeting**

Notes: Watch this meeting live on the Herefordshire Council YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/PyppH1kB8yg>.

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Agenda for the meeting of the Children and young people scrutiny committee

Membership

Chairperson **Councillor Carole Gandy**
Vice-Chairperson **Councillor Diana Toynbee**

Councillor Graham Andrews
Councillor Paul Andrews
Councillor Kath Hey
Councillor Phillip Howells
Councillor Mike Jones

Co-optees **Andy James** **Parent Governor Representative – SEND Sector**
Sam Pratley **Church Representative – Diocese of Hereford**

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<p>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive apologies for absence</p>	
<p>2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES</p> <p>To receive details of members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a member of the committee.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To receive declarations of interest in respect of Schedule 1, Schedule 2 or Other Interests from members of the committee in respect of items on the agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES</p> <p>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting on 15 September 2020.</p>	7 - 30
<p>5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</p> <p>To receive any written questions from members of the public. <i>Deadline for receipt of questions is 5:00pm on Wednesday 25 November 2020.</i> <i>Accepted questions and answers will be published as a supplement prior to the meeting. Please submit questions to:</i> councillorservices@herefordshire.gov.uk.</p>	
<p>6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>To receive any written questions from members of the council. <i>Deadline for receipt of questions is 5:00pm on Wednesday 25 November 2020.</i> <i>Accepted questions and answers will be published as a supplement prior to the meeting. Please submit questions to:</i> councillorservices@herefordshire.gov.uk.</p>	
<p>7. UPDATE ON REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER (CLA)</p> <p>To provide an update on the reduction strategy to reduce the number of children looked after (CLA). To include an update on cases that had been identified for Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) or reunification.</p>	31 - 46
<p>8. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS AGAINST THE SAFEGUARDING AND FAMILY SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLAN</p> <p>To review progress against the Safeguarding and Family Support division improvement plan 2020 / 2021 (appendix a) and Our priorities definitions (appendix b) produced in response to the Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) inspection judgement of June 2018 and the subsequent focused visits carried out in 2019.</p>	47 - 136
<p>9. WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW</p> <p>To: review the attached work programme for 2020/21; receive the executive responses to the child exploitation task and finish group and peer on peer abuse recommendations; and note the recommendations tracker.</p>	137 - 176

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 12 January 2021.



The Seven Principles of Public Life (Nolan Principles)

1. Selflessness

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

2. Integrity

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

3. Objectivity

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

4. Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

5. Openness

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

6. Honesty

Holders of public office should be truthful.

7. Leadership

Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.