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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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**EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL**

**MONDAY, 15 JULY 2019 AT 4.15 PM**

**CONFERENCE ROOM A - CIVIC OFFICES - FLOOR 2**  
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## **Membership**

Councillor Frank Jonas BEM (Chair)  
Councillor Tom Coles (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Ben Dowling

Councillor Jason Fazackarley  
Councillor Hannah Hockaday  
Councillor Will Purvis

## **Standing Deputies**

Councillor Chris Attwell  
Councillor Jo Hooper

Councillor Terry Norton  
Councillor Neill Young

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## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Declarations of interest**
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting - 17 June 2019 (Pages 3 - 4)**

**RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**4 Review into support for children with disabilities - Draft scoping document (Pages 5 - 6)**

The draft scoping document for the review into support for children with disabilities is attached for discussion and approval. This can be updated during the review with witnesses added.

Alison Jeffery, Director of Children, Families and Education, will be attending for the start of this review.

**5 Date of next meeting**

To agree a date for the next meeting to receive evidence.

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# Agenda Item 3

## EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

Minutes of the meeting of the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel held on Monday 17 June 2019 at 11am in the Executive Meeting Room, third floor, the Guildhall

### Present

Councillors Frank Jonas (in the Chair)  
Ben Dowling  
Jason Fazackarley

Officers Alison Jeffery, Director of Children, Families & Education

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tom Coles, Hannah Hockaday and Will Purvis.

#### 2. Declarations of Members' Interests

Councillor Dowling advised he was the director of a company which works with young people and that he would declare any interests if they became apparent during the review.

#### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 7 December 2018

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel held on 7 December 2018 be noted as a correct record.**

#### 4. Review into Children with Disabilities to focus particularly on out of city placements and the use of Beechside

Members noted that the Scrutiny Management Panel had approved the proposed topic below at its meeting on 28 January 2019 for allocation to the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel.

#### **Review into Children with Disabilities to focus particularly on out of city placements and the use of Beechside**

- Out of city placements - how effective are our commissioning arrangements, are we getting the right provision and good value, and are the contributions from education, social care and health appropriate?
- Use of Beechside - how responsive is the short breaks respite care provision and how helpful is it to parents of children with disabilities?

Alison Jeffery, Director of Children, Families and Education suggested the review could have a broader scope. She noted there were very few placements outside the city. The panel could perhaps look at how the council considers respite and invite families to have their say on how respite is provided. The way families receive money to purchase placements and packages of care could also be considered.

In response to questions from members, Ms Jeffrey noted the suggestion made at the previous ECYP meeting that the provision of education for disabled children was not so much about school education and special educational needs but rather the provision for children at home. She suggested the review could expand its remit to include health services as children's services and health are becoming more integrated. The panel could hear parents' views on health provision. Other support such as clubs and non-residential support could also be considered.

It was agreed that:

1. A scoping document would be drafted by officers and circulated to members.
2. The scoping document would be agreed at the next meeting and the review start.

**5. Timings of meetings**

Members agreed to hold meetings on Mondays and towards the end of the day so as to be more convenient for members with work commitments.

**6. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15 July at 4pm.

The meeting concluded at 11.20am.

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Councillor Frank Jonas  
Chair

# Agenda Item 4

## EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT

### A review of support for children with disabilities

#### 1. Background

The topic was agreed by the Scrutiny Management Panel at its meeting on 28 January 2019.

#### 2. Objectives of the review

The review will consider:

- (i) How well the council supports children with disabilities and their families with the provision of community based packages of support to promote their care and wellbeing
- (ii) The appropriateness and effectiveness of arrangements for placing children with disabilities in "out of city" residential provision, including residential care homes with and without education
- (iii) The use of the in-house Beechside care home (Drayton) to provide residential short breaks for disabled children and their families

#### 3. Witnesses

Evidence for the review will be sought from:

- (i) Children, young people and families in receipt of support from the council
- (ii) Social Work Practitioners and Managers who support children and young people with disabilities aged up to 25 (to include Adult Services)
- (iii) The Manager and residential staff at the Beechside short breaks centre
- (iv) Schools attended by children with disabilities in receipt of support from the council; likely to be special schools, in particular Mary Rose and Cliffdale Academies
- (v) Managers of health services provided to children with disabilities
- (vi) Managers of residential schools/care homes (names of schools/care homes to be advised) attended by children with disabilities from Portsmouth
- (vii) Cabinet members for Children & Families and Education

#### 4. Timeline

##### Monday 15 July

Initial meeting to agree the scoping document, receive first evidence from Director of Children, Families & Education, a senior Children's Social Care social worker and agree evidence gathering programme.

## **October to December**

Couple of meetings to gather evidence - one meeting could perhaps be a site visit and the other to hear from witnesses mentioned in section. Not everyone in section 3 has to come to all meetings.

- Panel members to visit Beechside and perhaps one or two other organisations (schools, care homes, groups) as a joint site visit.
- Hear from witnesses mentioned in section 3.

## **December to January**

Officers write report with recommendations and conclusions.

## **January to February**

Meeting to agree and sign off report (February/early March?).

There may be informal meetings between the formal meetings.

## **5. Background documents**

Ofsted inspection referred to in meeting on 7 December 2018.