



# NOTICE OF MEETING

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**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2020 AT 4PM**

**VIRTUAL REMOTE MEETING**

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## **Membership**

Councillor Suzy Horton (Cabinet Member)

Councillor Terry Norton  
Councillor Jeanette Smith

Councillor Judith Smyth

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## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Declaration of Interests**
- 3 Update to Foster Carer Adaptions Policy (Pages 7 - 18)**

### Purpose

To seek approval from the Cabinet member for Children and Families to update the existing policy at appendix A to provide financial support to carers

generating increase in placements.

**RECOMMENDED**

1. That the Cabinet Member for Children and Families approves the amendments to the policy to provide financial support to carers who meet the requirements as laid out in the policy at appendix A.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Children and Families gives delegated authority to the Director of Children, Families and Education to approve individual business cases in line with finance rules.
3. That going forwards the foster carer adaptation policy be referred to as the carer adaptation policy, covering all carers within Portsmouth.

**4 Children Families and Education Portfolio Budget Monitoring Report for the Financial Year End 2019-20 (Pages 19 - 30)**

Purpose

To inform the Cabinet Member of the revenue expenditure position in respect of the portfolio cash limit and capital programme for the financial year 2019/20. This report sets out the budget position and contributing factors to the final portfolio cash limit overspend at the end of the year together with an initial revenue projection for 2020/21.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member:**

- (1) Notes the Children, Families and Education Portfolio financial outturn position for 2019/20 of £3.3m in excess of the approved cash limit provision.
- (2) Notes the ongoing budget pressures within the portfolio, as highlighted in the report.
- (3) Notes the position in respect of the approved capital schemes for the portfolio.

**5 Children Families and Education Portfolio Budget Monitoring Report for the First Quarter 2020-21 (Pages 31 - 40)**

Purpose

To inform the Cabinet Member of the projected revenue expenditure within the portfolio cash limit and capital programme for the current financial year 2020-21. This report sets out the budget position and contributing factors to the projected spend within the portfolio as at the end of June 2020.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member notes the Children, Families and Education Portfolio forecast revenue and capital budget positions, as at the end of June 2020, together with the variance and pressure explanations.**

**6 2019-20 Dedicated Schools Grant Outturn Report (Pages 41 - 50)**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the Cabinet Member of the year-end outturn position as at the end of March 2020 for the Dedicated Schools Grant

(DSG).

**RECOMMENDED** the Cabinet Member notes the year-end outturn budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at the end of March 2020 and the variance explanations contained within this report.

**7 Dedicated Schools Grant 2020-21 Quarter 1 budget monitoring and budget revision (Pages 51 - 62)**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the Cabinet member of the projected revenue expenditure of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the current financial year 2020-21 as at the end of June 2020.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Cabinet Member:

- (1) Notes the forecast year-end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 30 June 2020, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.**
- (2) Approves the revisions to the 2020-21 budget as set out in Appendix 1 and section 4.**

**8 Maintained School balances as at 31 March 2020 (Pages 63 - 76)**

Purpose

To inform the Cabinet Member of the level of maintained schools' revenue and capital balances as at 31st March 2020.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Cabinet Member notes the level of maintained schools' revenue balances and capital balances as at 31st March 2020 as shown in Appendices 2 & 3 and the monitoring action taken by the council.

**9 School funding arrangements 2021-22 (Pages 77 - 90)**

Purpose

To provide the Cabinet Member with an update on the latest developments in respect of the future school revenue funding arrangements for the financial year 2021-22 onwards.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Cabinet Member:

- (1) Note the Department for Education's proposed changes to school revenue funding arrangements for 2021-22 as set out in this report.**
- (2) Approve the proposals for implementing the local funding formula arrangements as set out in this report; in particular to:**
  - Implement the National Funding Formula rates for both primary and secondary schools in in 2021-22, as set out in Appendix 1;**
  - Implement a minimum funding guarantee (MFG) of at least +0.5%**

and up to +2.0% subject to affordability, for 2021-22 as set out in paragraphs 5.16

- The method of managing affordability as set out in paragraph 5.17.
- Implement the disapplication request as set out in section 6.

**10 Annual Adoption Agency Activity Report March 2020 (Pages 91 - 102)**

Purpose

The previous report was presented March 2020. This report will update the Lead Member on Portsmouth Adoption Service activity for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

**11 Amalgamation of Wimborne Infant and Junior Schools - reporting back of the SO58 decision of 25 March 2020 (Pages 103 - 104)**

Members to note the Standing Order 58 urgent decision made by the Chief Executive on 25 March 2020.