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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.30 PM

**THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THIRD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL,  
PORTSMOUTH**

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If any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting has access requirements, please notify the contact named above.

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### Membership

Councillor Ryan Brent (Chair)  
Councillor Tom Coles  
Councillor Leo Madden

Councillor Dave Ashmore  
Councillor John Smith  
Councillor Judith Smyth

### Standing Deputies

Councillor Matthew Atkins  
Councillor Charlotte Gerada  
Councillor Mark Jeffery

Councillor Abdul Kadir  
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris

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(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting.)

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### **Public health guidance for staff and the public due to Winter coughs, colds and viruses, including Covid-19**

- Following the government announcement 'Living with Covid-19' made on 21 February and the end of universal free testing from 1 April, attendees are no longer required to undertake any asymptomatic/ lateral flow test within 48 hours of the meeting; however, we still encourage attendees to follow the public health precautions we have followed over the last two years to protect themselves and others including vaccination and taking a lateral flow test should they wish.
- We strongly recommend that attendees should be double vaccinated and have received any boosters they are eligible for.
- If unwell we encourage you not to attend the meeting but to stay at home. Updated government guidance from 1 April advises people with a respiratory infection, a high temperature and who feel unwell, to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high

temperature. From 1 April, anyone with a positive Covid-19 test result is still being advised to follow this guidance for five days, which is the period when you are most infectious.

- We encourage all attendees to wear a face covering while moving around crowded areas of the Guildhall.
- Although not a legal requirement, attendees are strongly encouraged to keep a social distance and take opportunities to prevent the spread of infection by following the 'hands, face, space' and 'catch it, kill it, bin it' advice that protects us from coughs, colds and winter viruses, including Covid-19.
- Hand sanitiser is provided at the entrance and throughout the Guildhall. All attendees are encouraged to make use of hand sanitiser on entry to the Guildhall.

## **AGENDA**

### **1 Apologies for absence**

### **2 Declarations of interest**

### **3 Minutes of previous meeting - 30 January 2020 (Pages 3 - 8)**

**RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

### **4 Review into school attendance - draft scoping document (Page 9)**

The draft scoping document for the review into school attendance is attached for discussion and approval. This can be updated during the review if necessary.

Sarah Daly, Director of Children, Families and Education and Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director Education will be in attendance to provide initial evidence.

### **5 Proposed dates of future meetings**

Proposed dates for the panel to agree:

Wednesday 22 February at 5pm

Wednesday 15 March at 5pm

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