
NOTICE OF MEETING

EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.00 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.

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 2022 and the end of universal free testing from 1 April 2022, 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 2022 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 2022, 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

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 Mark Jeffery

Councillor Abdul Kadir
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris

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

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AGENDA

Apologies for absence

Declarations of interest

Minutes of previous meeting - 1 February 2023 (Pages 5 - 10)

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Review into school attendance - evidence from Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director Education, PCC (Pages 11 - 72)

Attached documents are the Strategy to improve school attendance and reduce exclusions, attendance summary data report for years 6, 7 and 8, and individual data reports for years 6, 7 and 8.

Evidence from Debbie Anderson, Head of School Improvement PCC (Pages 73 - 74)

School improvement update paper attached.

Evidence from Neil Stevenson, Admissions, Exclusions & Re-integration Manager, PCC

To give a verbal update.

Evidence from Tina Henley, Head of Virtual School, PCC

To give a verbal update on the virtual school transition support and procedures.

Evidence from Sarah Christopher, Partnership & School Inclusion Manager, PCC (Pages 75 - 78)

A guide to relational and restorative practice in education.

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