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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 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.
- Those not participating in the meeting and wish to view proceedings are encouraged to do so remotely via the livestream link.

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## Membership

Councillor Ryan Brent (Chair)

Councillor John Smith

Councillor Tom Coles  
Councillor Leo Madden  
Councillor Dave Ashmore

Councillor Judith Smyth  
Helen Reeder  
Catherine Hobbs

### **Standing Deputies**

Councillor Matthew Atkins  
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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## **A G E N D A**

**Apologies for absence**

**Declarations of interest**

**Minutes of previous meeting - 22 February 2023 (Pages 5 - 18)**

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

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**“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the press and public be excluded for the consideration of the following item on the grounds that the report(s) contain information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972”.**

**The public interest in maintaining the exemption must outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.**

**Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) England Regulations 2012, regulation 5, the reasons for exemption of the listed item is shown below.**

**Members of the public may make representation as to why the item should be held in open session. A statement of the Council’s response to representations received will be given at the meeting so that this can**

**be taken into account when members decide whether or not to deal with the item under exempt business.**

**(NB The exempt/confidential committee papers on the agenda will contain information which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. Members are reminded of standing order restrictions on the disclosure of exempt information and are invited to return their exempt documentation to the Local Democracy Officer at the conclusion of the meeting for shredding.)**

**Agenda item 4 - Further information (attendance data) - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**

**Further information requested by the panel - Mike Stoneman**

Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director Children, Families and Education to give a brief update on the data that was requested at the previous meeting. The information will be to follow.

**Review into school attendance - Evidence from Assheton Woodall, Headteacher - The Portsmouth Academy**

There will be verbal updates from the Headteachers at the meeting.

**Evidence from Anne H-Chapman, Executive Headteacher - ARK Ayrton Primary Academy and ARK Dickens Primary Academy**

**Evidence from Stewart Vaughan - Headteacher - Priory Secondary School**

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