



NOTICE OF MEETING

EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY, 13 JULY 2023 AT 11.00 AM

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

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Membership

Councillor Brian Madgwick (Chair)
Councillor Mary Vallely (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Hannah Brent
Councillor Stuart Brown

Councillor Peter Candlish
Councillor Leonie Oliver
Catherine Hobbs, Roman Catholic Diocese
Helen Reeder, TLP representative
Rob Sanders, Anglican Diocese
Claire Haque, Parent Governor

Standing Deputies

Councillor Yinka Adeniran
Councillor Matthew Atkins
Councillor Ryan Brent

Councillor Chris Dike
Councillor Mark Jeffery

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Declarations of interest**
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting - 22 March 2023 (Pages 3 - 4)**

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

4 Review into education, employment and training opportunities for care experienced young people - draft scoping document (Pages 5 - 6)

The Panel will agree that their first topic of the municipal year will be a review into education, employment and training opportunities for care experienced young people.

The draft scoping document for the review is attached for discussion and approval. This can be updated during the review as necessary.

The following officers will be in attendance to provide initial evidence:

- Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director Children and Families - Education
- Sam Bushby, Deputy Director Children and Families
- Tina Henley, Head of Virtual School
- Amanda Percy, Post 16 Skills and Campaign Manager
- Keeley Mitchell, Head of Adolescents and Young Adults
- Sarah Read, Service Leader

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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 in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall on Wednesday, 22 March 2023 at 5.00 pm

Present

Councillor Ryan Brent (in the Chair)

Councillors Leo Madden
Dave Ashmore
John Smith
Judith Smyth

Helen Reeder, Teachers Liaison Panel
Claire Haque, Parent Governor

20. Apologies (AI 1)

There were no apologies for absence.

21. Declarations of interests (AI 2)

Councillor Brent declared a personal interest in that he is employed by the City of Portsmouth College.

22. Minutes of previous meeting (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

23. Review into school attendance with a focus on transitional years 6-7 (AI 4)

Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director of Children's Services and Education gave a brief summary of the budget and policy framework implications of the recommendations which had been circulated to the panel earlier that day.

The Panel were happy with all the recommendations and noted the resource implications of these. With regard to recommendation 4, it was felt that this needed to be amended slightly to strengthen the recommendation. After a brief discussion it was agreed to amend this to:

To **at least double** the number of LA Link Co-ordinators including a focus on supporting year 6 to 7 transition.

Mr Stoneman advised that he would provide a figure in the resource implications box for this.

With regard to recommendation 8 it was pointed out that school governors should be monitoring attendance in all years, not just 6 and 7 so it was agreed to amend the recommendation to:

That the local authority and headteachers encourage school governors to scrutinise the transitional process in their schools and closely monitor attendance **particularly** for years 6 and 7.

Mr Stoneman added that the authority rigorously monitor and track attendance, suspensions, reduced timetables and numbers of children who are electively home educated and a weekly report is shared with all schools. The DfE will also be monitoring this as attendance is one of the priorities under the Priority Education Investment Area. It was agreed that a short note would be included at the start of the report to say that attendance will be tracked and monitored and outcomes will be reported.

It was also agreed to include in the report that the recommendations of the panel are compatible with existing policies including the PEP city wide strategy to improve attendance and reduce exclusions. The Chair said he would include this in the Chair's preface.

The panel gave their thanks to the Chair and all officers and witnesses involved in the review.

RESOLVED that the panel's report ' A review into school attendance with a focus on transitional years 6-7' be signed off subject to the above minor amendments, and be submitted to Cabinet in June 2023.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 pm.

Councillor Ryan Brent
Chair

Agenda Item 4

Portsmouth City Council Scrutiny Scoping Document (DRAFT)

Scrutiny Panel	Education, Children and Young People (ECYP)
Topic	Education, employment and training opportunities for our care experienced young adults.
Purpose of enquiry inc. potential outcomes. (The remit to be clear and concise as this statement forms the backbone of the enquiry)	<p>This topic will be considered by the Scrutiny Management Panel on 26 July 2023.</p> <p>The remit of the Panel is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore how we can support and enable more of our care experienced young people to access education, employment and training opportunities that meet their needs; • Review the current offer and the help and support care experienced young adults receive to help them access such opportunities; • Consider what more we could collectively do as a Council to create more opportunities; improve our offer to our children; and through this improve the education, employment and training outcomes for care experienced young adults.
Reason for enquiry	Too many of our care experienced young adults are not being offered the right opportunities to enable them to access suitable education, employment and training which in turn is limiting their aspirations and achievements.
Enquiry format	4 formal evidence gathering meetings
Corporate Priority linked to	A city of lifelong learning.
Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Cllr Horton, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education
Relevant officers	<p>Sarah Daly, Director of Children, Families and Education</p> <p>Sam Bushby, Deputy Director Children and Families</p> <p>Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director of Education</p> <p>Amanda Percy, Post 16 Skills and Campaigns Manager, Education</p> <p>Tina Henley, Headteacher of the Virtual School & College, Education</p> <p>Ann-Marie O'Brien, Careers and Progression Advisor, Education</p>

	Keely Mitchell, Head of Adolescents and Young People, Children & Families Sarah Read, Service Leader, Children & Families
Consultees & stakeholders	Flying Solo charity Care experienced young adults DWP / Jobcentre Foster carers Personal Advisers (PAs) Education providers including City of Portsmouth College, Prince's Trust, Abri, Reach 4 Skills, Learning Skills Solutions, University of Portsmouth
Start Date	13 July 2023
Target Completion Date	End of March 2024