



# NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2024 AT 4.00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH**

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Councillor Suzy Horton (Liberal Democrat)

## **Group Spokespersons**

Councillor Hannah Brent, Conservative  
Councillor Tom Coles, Labour  
Councillor Lee Tindal, Portsmouth Independents Party

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## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests**
- 3 Care Experienced Local Offer (Pages 5 - 48)**

### Purpose

The purpose of the report is to inform the Cabinet Member of the reviewed Care Experienced Local Offer as seen in Appendix 1 and to seek approval for the offer.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member:**

- a) **Approve the revised local offer for our care experienced young people, and that the offer is adopted by the Council.**
- b) **That the offer is reviewed every 2 years.**

**4 Intensive Foster Family Bridging Care twelve month Pilot (Pages 49 - 56)**

Purpose

To inform the Lead Member of the proposal for a twelve month Intensive Foster Family Bridging care pilot and to seek funding approval.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member approve the proposal set out in the report.**

**5 Portsmouth School Place Planning Strategy 2024-2029 (Pages 57 - 74)**

Purpose

To update Members on the key issues affecting school place planning in Portsmouth and to agree the attached strategy for addressing the seven key priority areas.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education agree the Portsmouth School Place Planning Strategy for 2024-2029 (attached).**

**6 SACRE proposed revised constitution (Pages 75 - 84)**

Purpose

A Standing Advisory Council of Religious Education's (SACRE's) constitution is broadly determined by the Education Act 1996, Sections 390–399 and Statutory Instrument 1994 Number 1304: The Religious Education (Meetings of Local Conferences and Councils) Regulations 1994. SACREs need to have constitutions which should conform to the legislation.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education:**

- a) **Accepts the request by the SACRE to revise its constitution; and**
- b) **Endorses the proposed Portsmouth SACRE constitution as amended by the SACRE at its meeting on 12 June 2024.**

**7 Dedicated Schools Grant 2024-25 Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring and Revised Budget (Pages 85 - 92)**

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 2024-25 as at the end of June 2024, along with proposed budget revisions.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member:**

- a) **Notes the forecast year end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 30 June 2024, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.**
- b) **Approves the revisions to the 2024-25 budget as set out in Appendix 1 and section 8 of the report.**

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

**8 Annual Fostering Service Report 2023-2024 (Pages 93 - 128)**

Purpose

The report provides a summary of the work undertaken by the Fostering Service for the period 01/04/23-31/03/24.

**9 Adoption Agency Annual Report 2023-2024 (Pages 129 - 146)**

Purpose

- This report will update the Lead Member on the activity of the Portsmouth Adoption Service for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31st March 2024, as required by the Adoption regulations.
- The Portsmouth Adoption Service is provided directly by the Adoption Team within the Council and the Regional Adoption Agency (RAA), Adopt South who find, assess and support adopters.
- This report will describe the work of the in-house adoption team and Adopt South and provide data to support the outcomes achieved in the previous year 2023/24.
- Lastly, it will provide an update on the progress on the priorities set out in the previous report and the priorities for the year ahead.

**10 Local Authority Maintained School Balances at 31 March 2024 (Pages 147 - 156)**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet Member of the level of Local Authority maintained schools' revenue and capital balances at 31 March 2024.

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