



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY 2025 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 South East Regional Care Cooperative (RCC) - Invest to Save proposal
(Pages 3 - 8)**

Purpose

The South East Regional Care Cooperative (RCC) is seeking a contribution of £250,000 from Portsmouth City Council over a three year period. This would be £50,000 in 2025/26, and £100,000 in the two subsequent years. This

money will be invested in the operation of the RCC to save money and improve outcomes for all Local Authorities participating in the RCC. The RCC will be formed of 18 local authorities. The overarching purpose of the RCC is to increase the number and quality of placements available for children in the region, develop a regional view of sufficiency through data sharing and shape the market to provide more appropriate placements locally, thus improving children's outcomes and experiences of care.

RECOMMENDED:

- a) **That the Cabinet Member agrees with the proposed scope and purpose of the South East Regional Care Cooperative (RCC).**
- b) **That the Cabinet Member agrees with Portsmouth City Council making contributions of £250,000 to the South East Regional Care Cooperative (RCC) over the next three financial years.**

4 Annual SEND Update (Pages 9 - 18)

Purpose

To provide an annual update about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Portsmouth.

5 School Funding Arrangements 2025-26

This report is to follow as officers have only recently received the 2025-26 funding announcement.

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