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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date & Time

**Tuesday, 12 March 2019 10.00 a.m.**

Venue at

**Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford**

Richard Carr  
**Chief Executive**

To: The Chairman and Members of the CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Cllrs K Ferguson (Chairman), D Shelvey (Vice-Chairman), N B Costin,  
Mrs D B Gurney, P Hollick, K Janes, Cllr M Liddiard, A Ryan, B Saunders, P Smith

[Named Substitutes:

R D Berry, Mrs C F Chapman MBE, J Chatterley, P A Duckett,  
Mrs J Freeman and T Swain]

Co-optees: Mrs Hopkinson (Parent Governor),  
Mrs Rowlands (Parent Governor), Mrs Main (Roman Catholic Diocese), and  
Mr Morton (Church of England Diocese)

All other Members of the Council - on request

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# AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence and notification of substitute members.

2. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22 January 2019 and to note actions taken since that meeting.

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest and of any political whip in relation to any agenda item.

4. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman and any matters of communication.

5. **Petitions**

To receive petitions from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Part 4G of the Constitution.

6. **Questions, Statements or Deputations**

To receive any questions, statements or deputations from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Part 4G of the Constitution.

7. **Call-In**

To consider any decision of the Executive referred to this Committee for review in accordance with Part 4D of the Constitution.

8. **Requested Items**

To consider any items referred to the Committee at the request of a Member in accordance with Part 4D of the Constitution.

9. **Executive Members' Updates**

To receive a brief verbal update from the Executive Members for:-

- Families, Education and Children and;
- Health

10. **Central Bedfordshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements**

The report provides details of the proposed changes to Central Bedfordshire's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements.

11. **Options Appraisal for Placements Commissioning Aligned to the Valuing Care Project**

The reports sets out the case for service development and commissioning of accommodation provision for Looked After Children, proposing phased priorities for the work based on current and forecast needs, risks and issues, informing the Council's commissioning intentions for the next five years.

12. **Validated Exam Results 2018**

The report provides an overview of 2018 education outcome data and the actions being taken to improve outcomes.

13. **Schools for the Future - New School Places, Biggleswade North**

The report seeks the recommendation to Executive for the capital expenditure at Edward Peake Middle School in Biggleswade to expand by 2 forms of entry (60 places in each school year group) by September 2020 to meet a forecast deficit of school places.

14. **Work Programme 2018/19 & Executive Forward Plan**

The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted Committee work programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.

15. **Traded Services to Schools and Academies 2019/20**

The Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) recommended that the Children's Services OSC reassure themselves of the charges to schools which were above the 2.4% inflationary rate and discuss the rationale behind some of the increases. The Executive approved the charges at their meeting on 05 February 2019.

16. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider whether to pass a resolution under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that the consideration of the items is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

17. **Traded Services to Schools and Academies - Exempt Appendix**

To receive the exempt Appendix D.