

People and Families Scrutiny Committee

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| 14:00 | Thursday, 04 July 2013 | Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex |
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Quorum: 4

Membership

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| Councillor G Butland | Chairman |
| Councillor A Bayley | |
| Councillor D Blackwell | |
| Councillor R Boyce | |
| Councillor J Chandler | |
| Councillor R Gadsby | |
| Councillor T Higgins | |
| Councillor P Honeywood | |
| Councillor R Howard | |
| Councillor N Hume | |
| Councillor M McEwen | |
| Councillor M McGeorge | |
| Councillor C Seagers | |
| Councillor A Wood | |

Non-elected Members

Richard Carson
Mark Christmas
Rev Richard Jordan
Marian Uzzell

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Part 1

(During consideration of these items the meeting is likely to be open to the press and public)

| | | Pages |
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| 1 | Apologies and Substitution Notices The Committee Officer to report receipt (if any) | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest To note any declarations of interest to be made by Members | |
| 3a | Minutes To approve the minutes of the People and Families Scrutiny Committee meeting of 11 June 2013. | 5 - 8 |
| 3b | Minutes - Children and Young People PSC To approve the minutes of the final meeting of the Children and Young People Policy & Scrutiny Committee of 7 March 2013. | 9 - 14 |
| 3c | Minutes - Communities and Older People PSC To approve the minutes of the final meeting of the Communities and Older People Policy & Scrutiny Committee of 11 April 2013. | 15 - 18 |
| 4 | Consultation on the closure of The Deanes School, Benfleet To consider an interim report on the situation (Document PAF/03/13 to follow). | |
| 5 | SEND Scrutiny Update To receive an interim report of the Special Educational Needs Task and Finish Group; and to agree future membership of the T&F Group (PAF/04/13 attached). | 19 - 24 |
| 6 | Outstanding Items To receive updates on items outstanding from the former Community & Older People and Children & Young People Policy & Scrutiny Committees (PAF/05/13 to follow). | |
| 7 | Future Work Programme To receive the Scrutiny Recommendations Tracker (PAF/06/13) and Future Work Programme of the Committee and Working Groups; and to agree division of work. | 25 - 28 |

8 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 September 2013. Committee Room 1, 10.00 am.

9 Urgent Business

To consider any matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

Exempt Items

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and public)

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 or it being confidential for the purposes of Section 100A(2) of that Act.

In each case, Members are asked to decide whether, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and discussing the matter in private) outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10 Urgent Exempt Business

To consider in private any other matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.