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## **Children and Young People Policy and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, 29 September 2011  
**Time:** 10.30 am – please note later start time  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1, County Hall

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## **Agenda**

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**NB There will be a pre-meeting for Committee members only at 9.15am, in Committee Room 1**

**1. Apologies and Substitution Notices**

The Committee Officer to report the receipt of apologies for absence and substitution notices as appropriate.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To note any declarations of interest to be made by Members.

**3. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2011 (copy herewith).

**4. Matters arising/Chairman's report**

**5. Safeguarding Issues**

To discuss a range of issues around the safeguarding of children with Mr Simon Hart, Interim Chairman of the Essex Safeguarding Children Board.

A briefing paper clarifying the role of the Board is attached at CYP/27/11.

Members will no doubt wish to ask questions, particularly based on the issues raised by the Safeguarding Sub-Committee in its Stage 2 report. All Committee members, plus a number of interested parties, including Mr Hart, have been sent a copy of that report recently.

**6. Vision for Children's Services**

To consider a report (CYP/28/11) by Councillor Sarah Candy, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, in advance of its submission to Cabinet on 18 October 2011. (Report to follow)

The Cabinet Member and Mr Dave Hill, Executive Director SCF Directorate, have been invited to be present to expand upon the report and to respond to questions from Members.

**7. Speech and Language**

To receive an update report (CYP/29/11) by Ms Annemarie Blackshaw, Manager of SEN and Disability Support Services, on the provision of speech and language services in the county. This is an interim follow-up to the position reported to the Committee in April 2011 and there will be a more detailed report to the Committee in April 2012.

**8. Corporate Parenting**

To receive an oral update on Corporate Parenting from Councillor Riley.

## **9. Corporate Scorecard**

To receive an update by the Chairman of the Committee.

## **10. Forward Look**

A work programme has already been agreed for the remaining meetings in 2011, as set out in report CYP/30/11.

The Chairman and Vice Chairmen are shortly to consider a draft Forward Look for 2012, based on suggestions received from Members over recent months. Should any Member wish to put forward any matter today that will be added to the discussion. A programme will then be put forward for consideration by the Committee in November. Details of items received so far are also set out in CYP/30/11.

Finally, also included in that report, is the forward look for the Safeguarding Sub-Committee.

## **11. Dates of Future Meetings**

It is proposed that the following dates be reserved for this Committee as activity days, and may comprise:

- Meetings in private
- Meetings in public
- Working groups
- Sub-Committee meetings
- Outside visits

Thursday 3 November 2011  
Thursday 1 December 2011  
Thursday 5 January 2012  
Thursday 2 February 2012  
Thursday 1 March 2012  
Thursday 5 April 2012  
Thursday 10 May 2012

## **12. Urgent Part I Business**

To consider any other items 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.

## **13. Exclusion of the Public**

To consider whether the public (including the press) 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 (exclusion is recommended for the items set out in Part II below).

## **PART II**

(Business to be taken in private)

### **14. Urgent Part II Business**

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