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## **Notice of Meeting**

Dear Member

### **Children's Scrutiny Panel**

The **Children's Scrutiny Panel** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **10.00 am** on **Monday 25 February 2019**.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Muscroft", on a light-colored background.

**Julie Muscroft**

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Kirklees Council advocates openness and transparency as part of its democratic processes. Anyone wishing to record (film or audio) the public parts of the meeting should inform the Chair/Clerk of their intentions prior to the meeting.

## **The Children's Scrutiny Panel members are:-**

### **Member**

Councillor Cahal Burke (Chair)

Councillor Donna Bellamy

Councillor Lisa Holmes

Councillor Darren O'Donovan

Councillor Sheikh Ullah

Councillor Edgar Holroyd-Doveton

Dale O'Neill (Co-Optee)

Fatima Khan-Shah (Co-Optee)

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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**Pages**

**1: Membership of the Committee**

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

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**2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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**3: Interests**

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

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**4: Admission of the Public**

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

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**5: Introduction to Mel Meggs, Director of Children's Services**

Members of the Panel will welcome Mel Meggs, the new Director for Children's Services.

Contact: Helen Kilroy, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

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**6: Number of Children in care** 11 - 16

The Panel will consider the latest data showing the number of children in care.

Contact Officer: Steve Comb, Head of Corporate Parenting.

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**7: Virtual School** 17 - 66

The Panel will consider a report providing an update on the role of the Virtual School in Kirklees, its statutory responsibilities and some case study examples.

Contact Officer: Janet Tolley, Virtual School Head Teacher

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**8: Kirklees Annual Educational Standards and Quality Report 2017/18** 67 - 130

The Panel will consider a report on the Kirklees Annual Educational Standards and Quality Report for 2017/18 – Key stage educational achievement outcomes for Kirklees Schools academic year.

Contact Officer: Harkireet Sohel, Head of Service (Outcomes for Children)  
Emma Brayford, Kirklees Learning Partner (Data and Assessment)

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**9: Kirklees Community Hubs** 131 - 142

The Panel will consider a report on the development of Kirklees Community Hubs and the accountability arrangements established for activity taking place within the hubs and across Council and partner agencies.

Contact: Michelle Wheatcroft, Head of Service (Early Support)  
Martin Green, Head of Localities Officer (Children and Families)

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**10: Children's Scrutiny Panel Work Programme and agenda plan for 2019/19**

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Members of the panel will consider the work programme and agenda plan for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Officer: Helen Kilroy, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

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**11: Future Meeting Dates**

To note future meeting dates of the Panel during the 2018/19 municipal year:

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 10.30am
  - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 at 10 am
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