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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 **11.30 am** on **Monday 16 December 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.

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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 Andrew Marchington

(Chair)

Councillor Aafaq Butt

Councillor Paul Davies

Councillor Amanda Pinnock

Councillor Richard Smith

Councillor Paul White

Toni Bromley (Co-Optee)

Dale O'Neill (Co-Optee)

Linda Summers (Co-Optee)

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Committee

To receive apologies for absence of Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11th October and 8th November 2019.

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.

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.

5: Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

6: Public Question Time

The meeting will hear any questions from the general public.

7: Number and Age of Children in Care

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The Panel will consider a report giving an update on the number and age of children in care.

Contact Officer: Julie Bragg, Head of Corporate Parenting
(Children in Care and Care Leavers)

8: Children's Service Improvement Journey 2019

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The Panel will consider a report giving an update on the Review of the Children's Services Improvement Journey during 2019.

Contact Officer: Elaine McShane, Service Director (Family Support and Child Protection)
Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director (Learning and Early Support)
Tom Brailsford, Service Director (Resources Improvements and Partnerships)

9: Almondbury Community School

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To provide Children's Scrutiny Panel with an update on the implementation of the Council's decision to change the age range of Almondbury Community School from the 1st September 2020.

Contact Officer: Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director (Learning and Early Support)
Martin Wilby, Senior Strategic Manager (Education Places and Access)

10: Children's Scrutiny Panel Work Programme and agenda plan for 2019/20

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Members of the panel will consider the work programme and agenda plan for the 2019/20 and will consider issues for inclusion.

Officer: Helen Kilroy, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

11: Dates of future meetings

To note future meeting dates of the Panel during the 2019/20 municipal year:-

- 17th January 2020, 11am
 - 13th March 2020, 11am
 - 17th April 2020, 11am
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