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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 **11.00 am** on **Monday 28 April 2025**.

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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**Samantha Lawton**  
**Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning**

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 Itrat Ali (Chair)

Councillor Ashleigh Robinson

Councillor Jane Rylah

Councillor Hannah McKerchar

Councillor Richard Smith

Councillor Tanisha Bramwell

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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### Pages

**1: Membership of the Panel**

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

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**2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

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**3: Declaration of Interests**

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

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**4: Admission of the Public**

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Committee.

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**5: Deputations/Petitions**

The Panel will receive any petitions and/or 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 submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

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## **6: Public Question Time**

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

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## **7: Special schools – update on the rebuild of Joseph Norton Academy and Woodley School and College**

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The Panel will consider a report giving an update on the rebuild of 2 new special schools at Joseph Norton Academy and Woodley School and College.

Contact: Martin Wilby, Head of Education Places and Access Strategy  
Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director, Learning and Early Support

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## **8: Decline of the cohort of children in primary schools in Kirklees**

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The Panel will consider a report giving an update on the decline of the cohort of children in primary schools in Kirklees.

Contact: Martin Wilby, Head of Education Places and Access Strategy  
Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director, Learning and Early Support

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## **9: Pre-decision scrutiny - Cabinet decisions on the horizon**

The Panel will consider any potential areas of pre-decision scrutiny in accordance with any cabinet decisions relating to children and young people which are on the horizon and receive updates from senior officers in Children's Services.

Contact: Cabinet Members and Service Directors (Children's Services)

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## **10: Feedback from Panel Members on issues considered by Kirklees Parenting Board**

Panel Members who attend the Kirklees Parenting Board, will feedback on key areas of focus considered by the Board, which will be of interest to the Panel.

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## **11: Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 2024/25**

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The Panel will discuss progress of the work programme and agenda plan for the 2024/25 municipal year and consider new issues for inclusion in the work programme during the 2025/26 municipal year.

Provisional dates for the 2025/26 municipal year have been arranged, but are subject to approval by Council Annual General Meeting in May.

Contact: Helen Kilroy, Assistant Democracy Manager

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