



# **Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

There will be a private meeting for Committee Members only at 9.30 am in the Council Antechamber.

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## **Membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

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### **Councillors –**

Reid (Chair), N Ali, Alijah, Amin, Bano, Bell, Fletcher, Gartside, Hewitson, Judge, Lovecy, Ludford, Marsh, McHale, Muse, Nunney, Sadler and Sharif Mahamed

### **Co-opted Members -**

Mr G Cleworth, Canon S Mapledoram, Mrs J Miles, Ms L Smith and Mr Y Yonis

## Agenda

### 1. Urgent Business

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

### 2. Appeals

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

### 3. Interests

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

### 4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2024.

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### 5. Revenue Budget Update 2024/25

To follow

#### 5a. Children and Education Services Budget 2024/25

To follow

#### 5b. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

To follow

### 6. Update on progress of the Leaving Care Service

Report and presentation of the Strategic Director (Children and Education Services)

Pages

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The report and presentation provide an update on Manchester's approach to supporting its Care Leavers.

### 7. Update on the Government's Strategy to Reform Children's Services (Stable Homes, Built on Love)

Report and presentation of the Strategic Director (Children and Education Services)

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This report and presentation provide an overview of the Government's strategy for the reform of children's services and the implications for Manchester.

<b>8. Overview Report</b>	Pages
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit	69 - 78

The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee’s work programme and any items for information

## Information about the Committee

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The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee reviews the services provided by the Council and its partners for young people across the city including education, early years, school standards and valuing young people.

In addition to the elected members the Committee has seven co-opted member positions. These are:

- Representative of the Diocese of Manchester – Canon Susie Mapledoram
- Representative of the Diocese of Salford – Mrs Julie Miles
- Parent governor representative – Mr Yacob Yonis
- Parent governor representative – Vacant
- Parent governor representative – Mr Gary Cleworth
- Secondary sector teacher representative – Vacant
- Primary sector teacher representative – Ms Laura Smith

The co-opted members representing faith schools and parent governors are able to vote when the Committee deals with matters relating to education functions.

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