

## **Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee**

**(Quorum 3)**

The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee's remit is to act as the County Council's Scrutiny Committee for Education matters. The Committee's scope includes focusing on how the Council and other organisations with which it works, or who deliver educational provision in the County, secure the best possible educational achievement and attainment for every child.

### **Conservative Group**

Councillors Graham Newman (Chairman), Nick Barber, Peter Beer, Mary Evans, David Ritchie and Joanna Spicer.

### **Labour Group**

Councillors Helen Armitage, Sonia Barker and Bryony Rudkin.

### **UKIP Group**

Councillor James Crossley.

### **Liberal Democrat and Independent Group**

Councillor Penny Otton.

### **Green and Independent Group**

Councillor Andrew Stringer.

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

Mark Dunn, Rachel Gooch, Paul McIntee and Jane Sheat.

**Date:** Wednesday, 2 March 2016

**Venue:** Elisabeth Room  
Endeavour House  
8 Russell Road  
Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX

**Time:** 10:00am

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## **Business to be taken in public**

### **1. Public Participation Session**

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### **2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

To note and record any apologies for absence or substitutions received.

### **3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

To receive any declarations of interests, and the nature of that interest, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2015.

### **5. Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services**

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The objective of this scrutiny is for the committee to have an early opportunity for discussion and comment on the outcomes of the Ofsted Inspection Report that was published on 11 February 2016, to inform any action plans that are being prepared for approval by Cabinet.

### **6. Foster Carers**

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The objective of this scrutiny is for the committee to understand, and make any recommendations in relation to, the Council's Foster Carers scheme, following implementation of the new Foster Care Allowances and Fees scheme that was approved at Cabinet on 16 June 2015.

7. **Children's Centres** Page 69

The objective of this scrutiny is for the committee to understand, and make any recommendations in relation to, the effect so far of the changes to the Children's Centres that were agreed by Cabinet last year.

8. **Information Bulletin** Pages 75

Written information has been provided for the Committee for reasons indicated. The Committee may wish to consider whether there are any matters arising from this information that warrant specific aspects being added to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.

9. **Forward Work Programme** Pages 93

To consider the development of the Forward Work Programme for the Committee, taking into account proposals from councillors, statutory co-opted members and the Information Bulletin, and also having regard to the Key Decision Forward Plan.

10. **Urgent Business**

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

**Date of next scheduled meeting – Thursday, 9 June 2016 at 10:00am.**

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