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Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 5 June 2025 at 6.30 pm
in Council Chamber Council Offices
Market Street Newbury

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To: Councillors Dominic Boeck (Chairman), Janine Lewis (Vice-Chairman), Martin Colston, Paul Dick, Owen Jeffery, Jane Langford, Louise Sturgess, Martha Vickers and Clive Taylor

Substitutes: Councillors Adrian Abbs, Dennis Benneyworth, Carolyn Culver, Billy Drummond, Clive Hooker, Alan Macro, David Marsh, Matt Shakespeare and Richard Somner

Agenda

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1	Apologies for Absence To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	7 - 8
2	Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 May 2025.	9 - 10
3	Recommendations and Actions Tracker To receive an update on recommendations and actions following the previous Committee meeting.	11 - 12
4	Declarations of Interest To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct .	13 - 14
5	Petitions Purpose: To consider any petitions requiring an Officer response.	15 - 16
6	LGA Review of Children's Social Care Purpose: This report is to share the feedback, findings and recommendation from a recent LGA Peer Review in Children's Services.	17 - 58
7	Castle Gate Ofsted Report Purpose: To inform Members about the Castle Gate Short Break Service and the outcome of its most recent Ofsted inspection, conducted on 18–19 March 2025, in which the service received an 'Outstanding' rating.	59 - 72

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| 8 | Ofsted and CQC Thematic Review Into Children Who Are Not in School
Purpose: To present the findings of the recent Ofsted and CQC thematic review of children with SEND, of compulsory school age, who are not registered pupils at a registered independent school or any type of state-funded school. | 73 - 88 |
| 9 | Delivering Better Value in SEND Closedown and the Innovation in SEND Delivery Plan
Purpose: to present the outcomes of the Delivering Better Value in SEND programme and the innovation in SEND Delivery Plan. | 89 - 130 |
| 10 | LGSCO Recommendations Report
Purpose: To share Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) recommendations of their recent investigation (LGSCO 23018177) and the action plan developed by West Berkshire Council to address the recommendations. | 131 - 136 |
| 11 | Executive Forward Plan - May to August 2025
Purpose: To advise the Committee of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council's Executive from May to August 2025 and for Members to decide whether to review any of the proposed items prior to the meeting indicated in the Plan. | 137 - 152 |
| 12 | Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
Purpose: To receive new items and agree and prioritise the work programme of the Committee. | 153 - 154 |
| 13 | Exclusion of Press and Public
RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description contained in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 specified in brackets in the heading of each item.
Section 10 of Part 10 of the Constitution refers. | |

Part II

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| 14 | LGSCO Recommendations Report
<i>(Paragraph 1 - Information relating to an individual.)</i>
<i>(Paragraph 2 – Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.)</i>

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