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## Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

**Thursday 4 December 2025 at 6.30 pm**  
in Council Chamber Council Offices  
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**Agenda - Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to be held on Thursday 4  
December 2025 (continued)**

**To:** Councillors Dominic Boeck (Chairman), Janine Lewis, Paul Dick, Owen Jeffery, Jane Langford, Alan Macro, Louise Sturgess, Martha Vickers, Clive Taylor.  
Co-opted Members: Emily Daly, Catherine Hobbs and Tony Wilson

**Substitutes:** Councillors Adrian Abbs, Dennis Benneyworth, Martin Colston, Carolyne Culver, Billy Drummond, Clive Hooker, David Marsh, Matt Shakespeare and Richard Somner

## Agenda

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1 <b>Apologies for Absence</b> To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	5 - 6
2 <b>Election of Vice-Chairman</b> To elect a Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the 2025/26 Municipal Year.	7 - 8
3 <b>Minutes</b> To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 September 2025.	9 - 18
4 <b>Actions from previous Minutes</b> To receive an update on recommendations and actions following the previous Committee meeting.	19 - 20
5 <b>Declarations of Interest</b> 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' <a href="#">Code of Conduct</a> .	21 - 22
6 <b>Petitions</b> Purpose: To consider any petitions requiring an Officer response.	23 - 24
7 <b>Children's Scrutiny Board Report: Local Authority Statutory Duties Around Attendance</b> Purpose: To provide Children's Scrutiny with information on school attendance in West Berkshire. This report outlines how West Berkshire Council is meeting its statutory duties in relation to school attendance. It provides an overview of our strategic approach, operational delivery, and multi-agency collaboration to support children and families, with a focus on reducing persistent and severe absence. It draws on the approved	25 - 52

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Attendance Strategy 2025 and the Improving School Attendance Delivery Plan 2025–2026, demonstrating a strategic, multi-agency, and child-centred approach to improving attendance outcomes across the local area.

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| 8  | <b>Ofsted School Inspection Reports</b><br>Purpose: This report provides an update on the latest Ofsted inspection reports for schools in West Berkshire, and changes to the Ofsted school inspection regime that came into effect in November 2025.   | 53 - 62 |
| 9  | <b>Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) Report October 2025 (EX4745)</b><br>Purpose: Ofsted visited West Berkshire's Children's Services to conduct a short ILACS (Inspections of Local Authority Children's Services) between 8 – 19 September 2025. The inspection report was published by Ofsted on 28 October 2025. This report provides an overview of Ofsted's findings. | 63 - 82 |
| 10 | <b>Executive Forward Plan September to December 2025</b><br>Purpose: To advise the Committee of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council's Executive from September to December 2025 and for Members to decide whether to review any of the proposed items prior to the meeting indicated in the Plan.   | 83 - 94 |
| 11 | <b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme</b><br>Purpose: To receive new items and agree and prioritise the work programme of the Committee.  | 95 - 96 |

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