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Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 4 June 2026 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 June 2026 (continued)

To: Councillors Dominic Boeck (Chairman), Owen Jeffery (Vice-Chairman), Paul Dick, Billy Drummond, Jane Langford, Alan Macro, Louise Sturgess, Clive Taylor, Martha Vickers, Emily Daly, Charlie Gale, Hobbs, Natasha Rowe and Wilson

Substitutes: Councillors Adrian Abbs, Dennis Benneyworth, Martin Colston, Carolyne Culver, Clive Hooker, Janine Lewis, 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).	5 - 6
2	Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 15 April 2026 and 14 May 2026.	7 - 16
3	Actions from previous Minutes To receive an update on recommendations and actions following the previous Committee meeting.	17 - 18
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 .	19 - 20
5	Petitions To consider any petitions requiring an Officer response.	21 - 22
6	Response to the DfE Regional Director's Comments Purpose: To present the proposed response to issues raised by the DfE Regional Director for the South East.	To Follow



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| 7 | Draft Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Reform Plan
Purpose: To present the draft Local SEND Reform Plan, which seeks to improve support for SEND pupils, while bringing high needs spending onto a more sustainable footing over time. | 23 - 28 |
| 8 | School Viability Review
To consider the long-term viability of schools in West Berkshire in the context of declining birth rates. | 29 - 38 |
| 9 | Executive Forward Plan May to August 2026
Purpose: To advise the Committee of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council's Executive and for Members to decide whether to review any of the proposed items prior to the meeting indicated in the Forward Plan. | 39 - 52 |
| 10 | Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
Purpose: To receive new items and agree and prioritise the work programme of the Committee. | 53 - 54 |

Sarah Clarke.

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Executive Director - Resources

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