
Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

Time and Date

10.00 am on Thursday, 26th March, 2026

Place

Diamond Room 2 - Council House, Coventry

Public Business

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interests**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 8)
 - a) To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2026.
 - b) Matters Arising
4. **Early Years Strategy and Best Start in Life** (Pages 9 - 22)

Briefing Note of the Director of Children's Services and Education.
5. **Family First Partnership (Social Care Reform)** (Pages 23 - 28)

Briefing Note of the Director of Children's Services and Education.
6. **Work Programme 2025/26** (Pages 29 - 34)

Briefing Note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator.
7. **Any Other Business**

Any other items of business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

Nil

Julie Newman, Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities, Council House,
Coventry
Wednesday, 18 March 2026

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Asher Veness, Governance Services, Email: asher.veness@coventry.gov.uk

Membership of Board:

Councillors J Birdi, J Gardiner, S Jobbar, L Kelly (Chair), M Mutton, S Nazir, E M Reeves, R Thay and A Tucker

Co-opted Members:

Mrs S Hanson (Nominated by the Church of England)

Mr D Jackson

Mr G Vohra (Nominated from other faith groups in the city)

By invitation:

Councillor K Sandhu – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

Councillor P Seaman – Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Councillor B Christopher – Deputy Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

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