
Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

Time and Date

10.00 am on Thursday, 17th September 2026

Place

Diamond Rooms 1 and 2 - Council House, Coventry

Public Business

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**

2. **Declarations of Interests**

3. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)

a) To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2026

b) Matters arising

4. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider whether to exclude the press and public for the item of private business for the reasons shown in the Briefing Note.

5. **Cabinet Member Priorities 2026/27** (Pages 9 - 14)

Briefing Note of the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

Note: The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Equalities will attend the meeting for this item of business.

6. **Work Programme 2026/27** (Pages 15 - 20)

Briefing Note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator

7. **Kinship Local Offer** (Pages 21 - 52)

Briefing Note of the Director of Children's and Education Services

Note: The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People has been invited to the meeting for this item of business.

8. **The Complexities Involved in Finding Homes for Children in Care and Associated Costs** (Pages 53 - 64)

Briefing Note of the Director of Children's and Education Services

Note: The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People has been invited to the meeting for this item of business.

9. **Any Other Business**

Any other item(s) of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

10. **The Complexities Involved in Finding Homes for Children in Care and Associated Costs** (Pages 65 - 78)

Report of the Director of Children's and Education Services

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Note: The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People has been invited to the meeting for this item of business.

11. **Any Other Business**

Any other item(s) of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Julie Newman, Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities, Council House, Coventry

Wednesday, 9 September 2026

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Michelle Salmon, Governance Services, Email: michelle.salmon@coventry.gov.uk

Membership:

Councillors A Bullock, A Cole, J Fearn, S Hanson (Co-opted Member), G Hayre, J Innes, D Jackson (Co-opted Member), S Jobbar (Chair) and G Vohra (Co-opted Member)

By invitation:

Councillor M Mutton - Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Councillor A S Khan - Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Equalities

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