



**Westmorland  
& Furness  
Council**

**To: the Chair and Members of the Children, Young People  
And Families Scrutiny Committee**

# Agenda

Dear Member

## **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Committee will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 18 April 2024  
Time: 6.00 pm  
Venue: Committee Room 1, County Hall, Kendal,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Jones'.

**Linda Jones  
Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer  
Westmorland and Furness Council**

**NB A PRE-MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 5:30PM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, KENDAL TO WHICH ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Cllr P Dew (Chair)  
Cllr S Evans (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr J Batty  
Cllr D Cassidy  
Cllr J Drake

Cllr E Hennessy  
Cllr V Hughes  
Cllr M Robinson  
Cllr M Severn

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### Agenda and Reports

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<https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=259>

# **A G E N D A**

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

## **2. Membership**

To receive details of any changes in membership.

## **3. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations**

To receive declarations of interest by members of any interests on respect of items on this agenda, and to consider any dispensations.

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registerable or other interests.

## **4. Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

## **5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 February 2024 (copy enclosed)

**(Pages 5 - 14)**

## **6. Ambition for Every Child - a Strategy and Plan for Westmorland and Furness**

To receive a report from the Director of Children's Services (copy enclosed).

**(Pages 15 - 34)**

## **7. Establishing a Regional Adoption Agency**

To receive a report from the Director of Children's Services (copy enclosed).

**(Pages 35 - 60)**

## **8. SEND Update: Continuous Improvement and Accelerated Progress Plans, SEND Sufficiency, EHCP performance and the Delivering Better Value Programme**

To receive a report from the Director of Children's Services (copy enclosed)

**(Pages 61 - 68)**

## **9. Portfolio Holder Briefing**

To receive an update from the Portfolio Holder (copy enclosed).  
**(Pages 69 - 70)**

## **10. Urgent Items**

To consider any urgent items of business.

## **11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Committee will be held on 8 July 2024 at 6:00pm.