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**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY BOARD**  
**14/09/2023 at 6.00 pm**



**Present:** Councillor Moores (Chair)  
Councillors Ali, Bishop, H. Harrison, Hurley, McLaren, Rea and Shuttleworth

Also in Attendance:

Matthew Bulmer	Director Education Early Years and Skills
Andy Collinge	Head of School Support Services
Paul Rogers	Constitutional Services

1           **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

2           **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved; That the minutes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board held on the 26 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Rev. Hurlston is a governor at Brian Clarke School. Councillor Moores is a governor at Radcliffe, Bluecoat and Moleshill schools, Councillor McLaren is a governor at Radcliffe and Halcyn Way schools and Councillor Shuttleworth is a governor at Lymehurst Primary school.

4           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

5           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions for the Board to consider.

6           **WORK PROGRAMME**

In considering the Children and Young People Work Programme for 2023-24, the Chair informed the Board that it was work in progress.

Resolved: that the Work Programme be noted.

7           **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following four items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information, as defined under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

## **UPDATE ON ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PLACES AND ADMISSIONS UPDATE**



The Board considered and discussed a report submitted by Andy Collinge, Head of School Support Services which provided a briefing and update to the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Board on the (1) delivery of school places and (2) school place preference rates within the Local Authority (LA.). The report also provided an update on the delivery of additional school places and the work of the Council's Education Support Services including:

- Allocation of school places by ward
- The percentage of residents who are offered a school place of choice (1<sup>st</sup> or top 3 preferences)
- Overview of the current demand for school places

Matt Bulmer, Director of Education, Skills, and Early Years, informed the Board that with regard to the financial implications regarding the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) programme, he would include this in the work programme with the Board's agreement, and will submit a report to the Board following the publication of the Inclusion Strategy.

Resolved: that subject to the financial implications with regard to SEND being included in the Work Programme, the report be noted.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.10 pm