



Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	12 SEPTEMBER 2023
Topic	CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

BACKGROUND

The Isle of Wight Council entered a partnership with Hampshire County Council in 2013 following Ofsted judging the Isle of Wight children's services to be inadequate and with a failing schools' system. The partnership delivered positive results which led to the Island's first Ofsted judgement of 'good', in 2018. Since then, children's services on the Isle of Wight have continued to gain strength and are in a secure position. Cabinet is due to consider the arrangements for the termination of the Children's Services Partnership with Hampshire and consider potential options for future service delivery at its meeting on 14 September 2023.

FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

The role of the committee is not to act as a 'shadow Cabinet'. Its function is to ensure that the principles of decision making have been complied with:

- taking into account all relevant considerations and ignoring those which are irrelevant
- compliance with finance, contract and all other procedure rules
- due consultation and proper advice is taken, and alternative options considered before decisions are reached
- impartiality and an absence of bias or pre-determination
- any interests are properly declared
- decisions are properly recorded and published
- decisions are proportionate to the desired outcome
- respect for human rights and equality impacts
- a presumption in favour of transparency and openness
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes
- due consideration of all available options
- reasons are given for decisions

OUTCOME

Does the committee support the proposed recommendations, or wish to report any comment to Cabinet?

APPROACH

To review the Cabinet report once published.

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