

CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Monday 26th January, 2026 Time: 4.30 pm Venue: Mandela Room, Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Fire Evacuation Procedure

In the event the fire alarm sounds attendees will be advised to evacuate the building via the nearest fire exit and assemble at the Bottle of Notes opposite MIMA.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

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5. Further Evidence 7 - 20

The Corporate Director of Children's Services will be in attendance to provide further evidence in relation to the following areas:-

- a) Out of area placements – Children's Social Care
- b) Fostering recruitment (Verbal)
- c) Workforce development strategy (Verbal)

6. Director's Update

The Corporate Director of Children's Services to provide verbal updates on any matters pertinent to the Panel, as and when appropriate.

7. Overview and Scrutiny Board Update

The Chair will provide a verbal update on business conducted at the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 18 December 2025.

8. Any other urgent items which in the opinion of the Chair, may be considered.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting - Monday, 9 March 2026, 4.30pm

Charlotte Benjamin
Director of Legal and Governance Services

Town Hall
Middlesbrough
Friday 16 January 2026

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors E Clynch (Chair), D Jackson (Vice-Chair), M Nugent, S Platt, A Romaine, S Tranter and Z Uddin.

Assistance in accessing information

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