

# AGENDA

# Membership of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Councillors:

Diana Hale (Chair)

James Halden

(Vice Chair)

Clare Baldwin, Charles Curtis, Cathy Kent, Sue Little

Substitutes:

Councillors W Curtis, A Kiely, S MacPherson, J Redsell

## **Co-opted Member/s:**

Mr S Cray(Parent Governor Representative)Mr A McPherson(Parent Governor Representative)Vacant(Church of England Representative)Mrs P Wilson(Roman Catholic Church Representative)

# Meeting: CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: 11 DECEMBER 2012

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM 1

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#### **DECLARING INTERESTS FLOWCHART – QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF**

# Breaching those parts identified as a pecuniary interest is potentially a criminal offence

#### **Helpful Reminders for Members**

- Is your register of interests up to date?
- In particular have you declared to the Monitoring Officer all disclosable pecuniary interests?
- Have you checked the register to ensure that they have been transcribed correctly?

#### When should you declare an interest at a meeting?

- What matters are being discussed at the meeting? (including Council, Cabinet, Committees, Subs, Joint Committees and Joint Subs); or
- If you are a Cabinet Member making decisions other than in Cabinet what **matter is before you for single member decision?**

#### Does the business to be transacted at the meeting

relate to; orlikely to affect

#### any of your registered interests and in particular any of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests?

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests shall include your or interests of:

- your spouse or civil partner's
- a person you are living with as husband/ wife
- a person you are living with as if you were civil partners
- and vou are aware that this other person has the interest

What is a Non-Pecuniary interest? – this is an interest which is not pecuniary (as defined) but is nonetheless so significant that a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard to be so significant that it would materially impact upon your judgement of the public interest,

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest? - see attached description

#### Pecuniary

Non- pecuniary

If the interest is not already in the register you must (unless the interest has been agreed by the Monitoring Officer to be sensitive) disclose the existence and nature of the interest to the meeting Declare the nature and extent of your interest including enough detail to allow a member of the public to understand it's nature

If the Interest is not entered in the register and is not the subject of a pending notification you must within 28 days notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest for inclusion in the register

Unless you have received dispensation upon previous application from the Monitoring, you must:

- Not participate or participate further in any discussion of the matter at a meeting;
- Not participate in any vote or further vote taken at the meeting; and
- leave the room while the item is being considered/voted upon

If you are a Cabinet Member you may make arrangements for the matter to be dealt with by a third person but take no further steps You may participate and vote in the usual way.

Please seek advice on Predetermination and Bias from the Monitoring Officer.

# **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation		ny employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried for profit or gain.	
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a Member in carrying out their duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a Member. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992		
Contracts	body i	ny contract which is made between the relevant person (or a ody in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) nd the relevant authority—	
	(a)		ler which goods or services are to be provided or ks are to be executed; and
	(b)	whi	ch has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.		
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.		
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—		
	(a)	the landlord is the relevant authority; and	
	(b)		tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a leficial interest.
Securities	Any be	<ul> <li>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</li> <li>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</li> </ul>	
	(a)		
	(b)	eith	er—
		(i)	the total nominal value of the securities exceeds $\pounds 25,000$ or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
		(ii)	if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

# **Our Vision for Thurrock:**

*"Thurrock*: A place of opportunity, enterprise and excellence, where individuals, communities and businesses flourish".

# Achieving Our Vision:

To achieve our vision, we have identified five strategic priorities:

## 1. Create a great place for learning and opportunity

- Ensure that every place of learning is rated "Good" or better
- Raise levels of aspirations and attainment so that local residents can take advantage of job opportunities in the local area
- Support families to give children the best possible start in life

## 2. Encourage and promote job creation and economic prosperity

- Provide the infrastructure to promote and sustain growth and prosperity
- Support local businesses and develop the skilled workforce they will require
- Work with communities to regenerate Thurrock's physical environment

## 3. Build pride, responsibility and respect to create safer communities

- Create safer welcoming communities who value diversity and respect cultural heritage
- Involve communities in shaping where they live and their quality of life
- Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and safeguard the vulnerable

#### 4. Improve health and well-being

- Ensure people stay healthy longer, adding years to life and life to years
- Reduce inequalities in health and well-being
- Empower communities to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing

## 5. Protect and promote our clean and green environment

- Enhance access to Thurrock's river frontage, cultural assets and leisure opportunities
- Promote Thurrock's natural environment and biodiversity
- Ensure Thurrock's streets and parks and open spaces are clean and well maintained





Meeting: Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date:11 December 2012Time:7.00pmVenue:Committee Room 1

# AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 8 November (Page 3).
- 3. To receive additional items that the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972

#### 4. Declaration of interests

- a) Members are reminded that they should declare any interests as appropriate and in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.
- b) Members are also reminded to declare the existence and nature of a Political Party Whip, as set out in Chapter 4, Part 3, Paragraph 12 of the Constitution.

#### 5. Thurrock Joint Health and Well Being Strategy 2013 – 2016

The report of the Corporate Director of People Services is attached at page 9.

#### 6. Youth Offending Service Function and Performance

The report of the Strategic Leader, Youth Offending Service, Adolescent Services, Troubled Families is attached at page 91.

#### 7. Review of the Disabled Children's Service

The report of the Service Manager is attached at page 103.

#### 8. Looked after Children and Care Leavers

The report of the Head of Care and Targeted Outcomes is attached at page 125.

#### 9. Troubled Families Programme

The report of the Troubled Families Co-ordinator is attached at page 161.

#### 10. Work Programme

The Work Programme is attached at page 167.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### (i) Scheduled Meeting Dates for Municipal Year

3 July, 9 October, 8 November, 11 December 2012 29 January, 20 March 2013

#### (ii) Quorum

3 Elected Members

#### (iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

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#### (iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

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