



Meeting: **Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date/Time: **Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 2.00 pm**

Location: **Sparkenhoe Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield**

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Membership

Mr. M. Bools CC (Chairman)

Mr. J. Boam CC Ms. A. Pendlebury CC
Mr. N. Chapman CC Mr. B. Piper CC
Mr. M. H. Charlesworth CC Mr. K. Robinson CC
Mrs. L. Danks CC Mrs B. Seaton CC
Mrs. K. Knight CC Canon. C. Shoyer
Mr. J. McDonald CC Mrs D. Taylor CC
Mr. D. Page CC

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AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026.	(Pages 5 - 16)
2. Question Time.	
3. Questions asked by members under Standing Order 32 (1).	
4. To advise of any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent elsewhere on the agenda.	
5. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.	



6. Declarations of the Party Whip in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.
7. Presentation of Petitions under Standing Order 33.
8. Consultation on Expanding Community Based Support for Early Years Children with Additional Needs. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 17 - 36)
9. Building Education Services Together: Programme Plan. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 37 - 42)
10. Oakfield Short Stay School. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 43 - 48)
11. Quarter 3 2025-26 Performance Report. Chief Executive and Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 49 - 58)
12. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on 2 June 2026.
13. Any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent.

QUESTIONING BY MEMBERS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

The ability to ask good, pertinent questions lies at the heart of successful and effective scrutiny. To support members with this, a range of resources, including guides to questioning, are available via the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny website www.cfgs.org.uk. The following questions have been agreed by Scrutiny members as a good starting point for developing questions:

- Who was consulted and what were they consulted on? What is the process for and quality of the consultation?
- How have the voices of local people and frontline staff been heard?
- What does success look like?
- What is the history of the service and what will be different this time?
- What happens once the money is spent?
- If the service model is changing, has the previous service model been evaluated?
- What evaluation arrangements are in place – will there be an annual review?

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- (a) they can use the officer contact details at the bottom of each report to ask questions of clarification or raise any related patch issues which might not be best addressed through the formal meeting;
- (b) they must speak only as a County Councillor and not on behalf of any other local authority when considering matters which also affect district or parish/town councils (see Articles 2.03(b) of the Council's Constitution).

