



Agenda

Meeting Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To: Councillors Barbara Brodigan (Chair), Caroline Goodrick (Vice-Chair), Alyson Baker, Stephanie Duckett, Nathan Hull, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Tom Jones, Cliff Lunn, John Mann, Andy Paraskos, Yvonne Peacock, Kirsty Poskitt, John Ritchie, Monika Slater, Andrew Timothy, and Co-Optees Tom Cavell-Taylor, Stephen Jennings, Martin Macaulay, Yvonne Methley, Gary McVeigh-Kaye, David Sharp and David Watson.

Date: Wednesday, 17 September 2025

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Grand - County Hall

Business

1. **Welcome by the Chair**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2025** (Pages 5 - 10)
4. **Declarations of interest**
5. **Public questions/statements**

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 - at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
 - when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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6. **Chair's remarks**

Any correspondence, communication or other business brought forward by the direction of the Chair of the Committee.

7. **Progress on issues raised by the Committee** (Pages 11 - 24)
Report of the Senior Scrutiny Officer, updating the Committee on progress made against matters arising at the previous meeting.
8. **Briefing relating to the Post Implementation Review of the Home to School Travel Policy** (Pages 25 - 30)
9. **Performance Report for Quarter 1 2025-26** (Pages 31 - 66)
Summary of the latest Children and Families performance report.
10. **Fostering Service Update** (Pages 67 - 88)
11. **North Yorkshire Council Adoption Service** (Pages 89 - 110)
12. **Work programme 2025-2026** (Pages 111 - 114)
13. **Any other items**
Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances
14. **Date of next meeting**
Wednesday 17 December 2025 at 10am

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Contact details

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