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**NOTICE OF MEETING - ADULT SOCIAL CARE, CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE 8 JULY 2026**

A meeting of the Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Education Committee will be held on **Wednesday, 8 July 2026 at 6.30 pm** in the **Council Chambers, Civic Offices, Reading**. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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<b>1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in relation to the items for consideration.	
<b>2. DELEGATED DECISIONS</b>	<b>5 - 6</b>
<b>3. MINUTES</b>	<b>7 - 12</b>
<b>4. PUBLIC PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS</b>	
Public petitions and public questions may be submitted on any matter within the Committee's responsibilities. Submissions should be emailed to <a href="mailto:committee.services@reading.gov.uk">committee.services@reading.gov.uk</a> and must be received no later than 12 noon, four clear working days before the meeting.	
<b>5. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS</b>	

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- 6. ANNUAL SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ACHIEVEMENT REPORT 2024/2025** 13 - 62

A report to consider the School Standard and Attainment and priorities and planned activity to improve attainment.
- 7. BEST START IN LIFE STRATEGY 2026-2028** 63 - 98

A report to introducing the Best Start in Life Strategy 2026-2028.
- 8. ANNUAL REPORT FOR NEW DIRECTIONS COLLEGE** 99 - 106

A report providing an update on activiyy and performance of the New Directions College.
- 9. READING YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27** 107 - 180

A report to consider the progress of the 2025/26 Youth Justice Service annual plan, timeframes for completion and strategic priorities for 2026-27.
- 10. PROCUREMENT OF CHILD AND SCHOOL TRANSPORT AND POST-16 TRAVEL ASSISTANCE POLICY STATEMENT 2027/2028** 181 - 208

A report to consider procurement of child and school transport and to consider a proposed consultation on the Post-16 Travel Assistance Policy Statement 2027/2028.

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