

## Children and Families Advisory Panel Terms of Reference [Draft Proposed Update]

The Children and Families Advisory Panel is an Advisory Panel made up of 9 Members appointed proportionally and meeting three times a year. The Panel's function is to advise the relevant Executive Member in relation to:

- (i) The development of further strategies that will enhance the safeguarding of children in Hampshire and ensure that ~~children in care~~ the Children and Families branch of the Children's Services department in Hampshire County Council achieves the best possible outcomes.
- (ii) The performance of the Children and Families Branch of the Children's Services Department and that of its partners in relation to such national and local targets as may be set.
- (iii) The outcomes of Ofsted inspection of safeguarding, ~~children in care,~~ children's homes, fostering services and adoption services, as they may arise from time to time and any actions that are required to improve services.
- (iv) Excellent and innovative practice in children's social care settings from which others can learn.
- (v) ~~Any matters that may arise in relation to the Council's requirement to be corporate parents for children in care.~~
- (vi) ~~The views of children in care about the services they receive from the Council.~~