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# Children, Families and Education Select Committee

**Date:** WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE  
2025

**Time:** 7.00 PM

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Councillor Kishan Bhatt  
Councillor Peter Smallwood OBE  
Councillor Jan Sweeting (Opposition Lead)  
Councillor Tony Gill  
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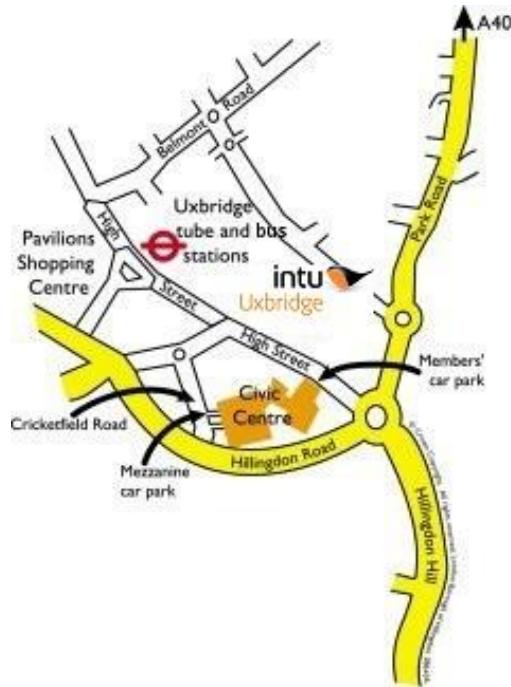
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### **Children, Families, & Education Select Committee**

To undertake the overview and scrutiny role in relation to the following Cabinet Member portfolio(s) and service areas:

<b>Portfolio(s)</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Service Areas</b>
Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education	Children's Services	Children's Social Care (incl. safeguarding & corporate parenting)
		Corporate Parenting Panel
		Prevention & Youth Justice (incl. youth services, stronger families and adolescent mental health)
		Education & SEND (incl. Adult & Community Learning, Skills, Lifelong Learning, Music Services and School Travel)
	Adult Services & Health	Children and Families Support Services (incl. Early Years and Children's Centres)

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