

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44

### **1. Question by Councillor Shuttleworth to the Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development**

Since the start of the Conservative administration of the County Council following the County Council election in May 2017, please can the Leader of the Council state how many Council committee meetings and Lead Member meetings have been cancelled? Can he also provide a list of these together with the relevant dates.

### **Answer by the Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development**

The list of cancelled Council Committee and Lead Member meetings from 5 May – 30 November 2017 is shown below.

The majority of cancelled meetings are Lead Member meetings where there has been no business. The approach to setting up these meetings is for Member Services to timetable regular meetings for the year ahead in advance, so that they are in Members' diaries, and cancel if there is a lack of business; rather than schedule meetings as required at short notice which can lead to difficulties in terms of availability. Member Services will keep under review the frequency of scheduled meetings in 2018/19 particularly for those meetings where there have been a number of cancellations.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Number cancelled</b>	<b>Dates of cancelled meetings 2017</b>
East Sussex Music Service Management Committee	1	9/6/2017
East Sussex Schools Forum	1	31/10/2017
Education Performance Panel	1	23/06/2017
Orbis Joint Committee	1	10/07/2017
Orbis Public Law Joint Committee	1	10/07/2017
Planning Committee	2	16/8, 13/9
Cabinet	1	14/11/2017
Lead Member for Adult Social Care & Health	5	15/6, 20/7, 28/9, 19/10, 23/11
Lead Member for Children & Families	5	19/6, 17/7, 26/9, 30/10, 20/11
Lead Member for Communities & Safety	2	24/10, 29/11
Lead Member for Economy	1	5/9/2017
Lead Member for Education & Inclusion, SEND	2	17/7, 20/11
Lead Member for Resources	2	27/6, 12/9
Lead Member for SMED	1	27/11/2017
Lead Member for Transport & Environment	1	20/11/2017

## **2. Question by Councillor Field to the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability**

How many pupils with ISEND are being home educated? How does the figure compare with previous years? How many of these began at school and were removed later? Is there a pattern of withdrawals relating to phase of education at which pupils leave?

### **Answer by the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability**

As there is no legal requirement for a parent to inform the Local Authority when they are electively home educating (EHE) their child, we do not know how many children who are EHE have SEN. Last academic year, we were aware of 1054 children who were EHE; this was up from 857 in 2015/16 and 763 in 2014/15. Of the 1054 children, 462 were 'new' cases (i.e. notified to the LA within that year) and 46 parents stated that the reason for EHE was 'unmet SEN'.

We do know the total number of children with EHCPs/Statements who are EHE – 53 (down from 61 in 2016/17 and 59 in 2014/15).

92% of the new cases last year were previously on roll of a school (7.8% had never attended a school prior to being EHE).

Over the last three years, the pattern has remained the same: the largest number of new cases is in KS2, then KS3, then KS1, then KS4. Last year the number in KS2 was significantly higher than the other key stages.