

SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Monday 3 October 2022

1.00 pm Luttrell Room - County Hall,
Taunton



To: The members of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee

Cllr L Redman (Chair), Cllr O Patrick (Vice-Chair), Cllr S Aujla, Cllr J Baker, Cllr S Carswell, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr S Hart, Cllr B Height, Cllr J Hunt, Cllr J Kenton, Cllr E Potts-Jones, Cllr M Lovell and Cllr J Snell

R Hobbs, E Tipper and The Revd T Osmond – co-opted members

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Democratic Services - 23 September 2022

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AGENDA

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****Information on the Committee****

**** Public Guidance notes contained in agenda annexe ****

1 **Apologies for Absence**

to receive Members' apologies

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Details of all Members' interests in District, Town and Parish Councils can be viewed on the [Council Website](#)

The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via request to the Democratic Service Team.

Any new or updated declarations of interest will be received.

3 **Minutes from the previous meeting held on 5 September 2022** (Pages 11 - 16)

The Committee is asked to confirm the minutes are accurate.

4 **Public Question Time**

The Chair will allow members of the public to ask a question or make a statement about any matter on the agenda for this meeting. **These questions may be taken during the meeting, when the relevant agenda item is considered, at the Chair's discretion.**

5 **Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee Work Programme** (Pages 17 - 24)

To receive an update from the Governance Manager. To assist the discussion, the following documents are attached:

- (a) The Committee's Work Programme
- (b) The Committee's Outcome Tracker

Please use the following link to view the latest Executive Forward Plan of planned key decisions that have been published on the Council's website

[Executive Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

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6 **Ofsted Inspection Result - Children's Social Care Services - update** (Pages 25 - 34)

To receive a verbal update from the Council's Deputy Director Children's Services on the Inspection of Somerset local authority children's services.

The Inspection of the Council's Children's Social Care services in July rated the services Good across the board - the inspection report was published on 21 September 2022 (the link to the report is available [here](#))

Note - There will be an opportunity to have a more detailed discussion at the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

7 **Home to School Transport** (Pages 35 - 44)

To receive a presentation providing an overview of statutory duties, demand and developments.

The item will be led by the Council's Strategic Manager, Access & Additional Learning Needs Phil Curd and Service Manager Transporting Somerset John Perrett.

Note – the Chair will allow 35 minutes for this agenda item.

8 **Children's Services Budget Monitoring Report**

This item will focus on home to school cost management and will be led by the Council's Assistant Director Inclusion Dr Rob Hart, and Strategic Manager, Access & Additional Learning Needs Phil Curd and Service Manager Transporting Somerset John Perrett

For background see [2022/23 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Month 4 – End July 2022](#)

Note the Chair will allow 30 minutes for this agenda item.

9 **SEND Draft Strategy and Development** (Pages 45 - 50)

This item will be led by the Council's Assistant Director Inclusion Dr Rob Hart, and Strategic Manager, Commissioning, Vikki Hearn.

There are a number of background papers – for sight of these please contact the

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report author: -

1. Draft SEND JSNA
2. SEND Charter - see [2018 02 20 SEND Charter.pdf \(somerset.org.uk\)](https://www.somerset.org.uk/2018-02-20-SEND-Charter.pdf)
3. Somerset Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Peer Challenge 23 May 2022 – 26 May 2022 Feedback Report
4. Impower Somerset SEND Transformation Discovery Report July 2022

Note – the Chair will allow 40 minutes for this agenda item

10 **Items for Information - Standing Item**

This is a standing agenda item and will provide details of information sent to Committee members in between meetings, that cover Children & Families Scrutiny policy areas.

11 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.