



## Notice of Meeting of

# SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Monday, 9 December 2024 at 10.00 am**

**John Meikle Room, The Deane House,  
Belvedere Road, Taunton TA1 1HE**

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Children and Families

Chair: Councillor Leigh Redman  
Vice-chair: Councillor Evie Potts-Jones

Councillor Simon Carswell  
Councillor Andy Hadley  
Councillor Alistair Hendry  
Councillor Marcus Kravis  
Councillor Frances Nicholson  
Vacancy  
Ruth Hobbs  
S Nowakiewicz

Councillor Peter Clayton  
Councillor Pauline Ham  
Councillor John Hunt  
Councillor Martin Lovell  
Councillor Jeny Snell  
Mary Cox  
The Revd Tobie Osmond

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Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Monday, 02 December 2024.

# AGENDA

## Scrutiny Committee - Children and Families - 10.00 am Monday, 9 December 2024

**Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 7 - 8)**

**Information about the Scrutiny Committee - Children & Families (Pages 9 - 10)**

**Details on how to join the meeting online (Pages 11 - 12)**

Link to join the meeting online.

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

To receive and note any declarations of interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The other registrable interests of Councillors of Somerset Council, arising from membership of City, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes: [City, Town & Parish Twin Hatters - Somerset Councillors 2023](#) )

### **3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 21 October 2024 (Pages 13 - 18)**

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

### **4 Public Question Time**

The Chair to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue.

We are now live webcasting most of our committee meetings and you are welcome to view and listen to the discussion. The link to each webcast will be available on the meeting webpage, please see details under 'click here to join online meeting'.

## **5 Scrutiny Committee - Children and Families Work Programme**

To receive an update from the Service Manager, Governance Scrutiny. 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 links to view the latest Somerset Council Forward Plans and Executive Forward Plan of planned key decisions that have been published on the Council's website:

[Somerset Council Forward Plans](#)

[Somerset Council Executive Forward Plan](#)

## **6 Children's Services - Budget Monitoring update - Month 6 (Pages 19 - 28)**

To consider PowerPoint presentation.

*Note – the Chair will allow 20 minutes for this agenda item.*

## **7 Sufficiency Strategy (Pages 29 - 42)**

To consider PowerPoint presentation.

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

## **8 LGSCO complaints directed to Somerset (To Follow)**

To consider PowerPoint presentation.

*Note – the Chair will allow 20 minutes for this agenda item.*

## **9 Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2024 - 2030 (Pages 43 - 86)**

To consider PowerPoint presentation.

*Note – the Chair will allow 30 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 the Committee's policy areas.

1. LGA C&YP Bulletin – October 2024 – circulated on 5 November 2024
2. JTAI – response from the Chief Executive, NHS Somerset ICB – circulated on 5 November 2024
3. [Information](#) on the [Annual Public Health Report 2024/25](#) – a call to action for a smokefree Somerset - circulated on 13 November 2024
4. Inclusion Financial Management & Control - audit report – circulated on 18 November 2024
5. Youth Justice Plan Report & Information on the HMIP Inspection – to be circulated (outcomes from Inspection and action plan will be an agenda item at February meeting).
6. Education item – [Keeping children safe, helping families thrive](#)– to be circulated

If Committee members have any questions or comments on the information, please contact the Committee Administrator on [democraticserviceteam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:democraticserviceteam@somerset.gov.uk) in the first instance and before the date of the meeting.