

Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee (virtual meetings from May 2020 due to Coronavirus)

Thursday 9 July 2020

1.00 pm Virtual meeting



To: The Members of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee (virtual meetings from May 2020 due to Coronavirus)

Cllr L Redman (Chair), Cllr R Williams (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Dimery, Cllr N Hewitt-Cooper, Cllr James Hunt, Cllr J Lock, Cllr W Wallace, J Williams, Elliot, Ms Helen Fenn, Ruth Hobbs and Mrs Eilleen Tipper

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend meetings of the Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Democratic Services - 1 July 2020

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**** 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 at [County Councillors membership of Town, City, Parish or District Councils](#) and this will be displayed in the meeting room (Where relevant).

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

3 **Minutes from the previous meeting** (Pages 7 - 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 Work Programme** (Pages 17 - 32)

To discuss any items for the forthcoming work programme. To assist the discussion, the following documents will be considered:

- a) – The Cabinet's latest published forward plan (attached);
- b) – Current Work Programme for the Committee (to follow);
- c) – Outcome Tracker (to follow).

6 **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Area Inspection Update**

Committee to consider the findings from the recent Ofsted and CQC joint inspection and the proposed actions to address several areas of significant weakness. Presentation and progress update to be provided at the meeting.

Scrutiny to focus upon:

- i) How did we reach the position that resulted in the report?
- ii) Partnership working and Joint Commissioning

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- iii) How will SCC and other partners produce the Written Statement of Action (WSOA) and timetable to meet the submission deadline?
- iv) How will this Scrutiny Committee monitor the WSOA and the improvement plan?
- v) What has been done since the Inspection and what is underway now?
- vi) Committee to consider any further actions and next steps?

Report from Director of Childrens' Services to follow.

Joint Ofsted and CQC inspection report can be viewed at <https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/local-offer/area-inspection-by-ofsted-and-cqc>

7 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.