

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

Wednesday 27 January 2021

1.00 pm Microsoft Teams 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 B Revans, Cllr W Wallace and Cllr J Williams
Mr P Elliot, Mrs R Hobbs and Mrs E Tipper – co-opted members

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

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Risk and Monitoring Officer - 19 January 2021

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Guidance about procedures at the meeting follows the printed agenda.

This meeting will be open to the public and press, subject to the passing of any resolution under Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

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AGENDA

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

1 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies from members of the Committee.

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 held on 2 December 2020** (Pages 9 - 18)

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 19 - 40)

To receive an update from the Governance Manager, Scrutiny and discuss any items for the forthcoming work programme.

To assist the discussion, attached are: -

- a) The Committee's work programme
- b) Outcome Tracker
- c) The Cabinet's Forward Plan

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

[Cabinet Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

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6 **Children's Services Data Overview**

To consider presentation on Children's Services data trends (to follow).

Note – The Chair will be allowing at least an hour for this agenda item.

7 **The Impact of COVID-19 on children and young people's mental health and wellbeing** (Pages 41 - 76)

This will be a multi-agency session, with representatives from Children's Services, Public Health, CAMHS, CLA team presenting. The presentation will be circulated prior to the meeting.

All Members of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee are most welcome to attend for this item.

Note – The Chair will be allowing at least an hour for this agenda item.

As background to the item, the following documents are attached as pre information for members and which may be interesting / informative prior to the session: -

- The Mental Health Continuum which provides a brief overview of the Mental Health continuum
- Young Somerset - the attachment provides detailed information in the initial slides regarding Young Somerset and their work, with the wider work being covered in the later slides & will be covered briefly at the meeting itself
- The Wellbeing for Educational Returns attachment gives details of the initial evaluation of this COVID19 initiative.

8 **The Medium Term Financial Plan for Children's Services 2021 - 2024** (Pages 77 - 86)

To receive the report and discuss the recommendations.

9 **Continuity of Children's Services through Local Government Reorganisation in Somerset**

Oral update on the proposed Task & Finish Group.

10 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.

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