

Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee

Wednesday 7 July 2021

2.00 pm Luttrell and Wyndham Rooms,
County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY



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

Cllr L Redman (Chair), Cllr R Williams (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Dimery, Cllr James Hunt, Cllr B Revans, Cllr L Vijeh, Cllr W Wallace and Cllr J Williams
The Revd T Osmond, Mrs R Hobbs and Mrs E Tipper – co-opted members

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Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Risk and Monitoring Officer - 29 June 2021

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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 meeting held on Wednesday 3 March 2021** (Pages 9 - 18)

The Committee is asked to confirm the minutes are accurate.

4 **Minutes from the special meeting held on Tuesday 16 March 2021** (Pages 19 - 20)

The Committee is asked to confirm the minutes are accurate.

5 **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. The deadline for Public Question Time is 5pm on Thursday 1 July 2021. These questions may be taken during the meeting, when the relevant agenda item is considered, at the Chair's discretion.

In order to keep everyone safe, we respectfully request that all visitors to the building follow all aspects of the Covid-Secure guidance. Failure to do so may result in you being asked to leave the building.

6 **Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee Work Programme**
(Pages 21 - 44)

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

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- 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](#)
- 7 **6 months on - learning from the voice of children & young people in the later stages of the pandemic** (Pages 45 - 52)
- Presentation from Fi Phur, Partnership Business Manager.
- This work will feed into the development of the CYPP. To view short film made by the Care Councils (Sicc and SLCC) - *children in care and care leavers asks of the Council as Corporate Parents*.
Note – The Chair will be allowing 30 minutes for this agenda item.
- 8 **School Exclusions** (Pages 53 - 60)
- Report and presentation which will provide an update and progress on actions taken on recommendations from the Scrutiny Task & Finish Group, next steps and future priorities.
Note – The Chair will be allowing 1 hour for this agenda item.
- 9 **Somerset County Council Business Plan - 2021-2023** (Pages 61 - 80)
- Report from Simon Clifford, Corporate Affairs Director and James Hadley, Corporate Planning and Performance Manager
- The Appendix has been highlighted, to indicate the most relevant sections for the Scrutiny Committee.
Note – The Chair will be allowing 30 minutes for this agenda item.
- 10 **Task and Finish Group - update** (Pages 81 - 82)
- Report – for information.
- 11 **Information Items circulated to the Scrutiny Committee since the last meeting**
- (a) Children's Oral Health – circulated on 30 June 2021
If Committee members have any questions or comments on the information, please contact fabbott@somerset.gov.uk

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12 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.