

Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee

Thursday 9 September 2021

**10.00 am Luttrell Room, 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, R Hobbs and 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 - 1 September 2021

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AGENDA

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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 held on 7 July 2021 (Pages 9 - 14)

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 15 - 38)

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) The Committee's 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 **SCC Response to the Afghan Refugee Position**

Verbal update from Simon Clifford, Corporate Affairs Director and Brittney Strange, Health Promotion Manager – Resettlement.

Note: The Chair will be allowing 30 minutes for this agenda item to allow for discussion.

7 **Social Care - The Experience of Younger Children in Care**

To consider presentation from Jayne Shelbourne-Barrow, Strategic Manager CLA and Leaving Care – Presentation (to follow)

Note: The Chair will be allowing 1 hour for this agenda item to allow time for discussion.

8 **Task and Finish Group - update**

Oral update on the work of the Task & Finish Group, on the 'Continuity of Children's Services through Local Government Reorganisation'.

9 **Information Items circulated to the Scrutiny Committee since the last meeting**

- (a) Youth Offending Service - Update on HMIP Inspection – circulated on 1 September - Briefing paper from Lise Bird, Strategic Manager Prevention Services and Helen MacDonald, Service Manager, Operational Management and update on actions from the meeting held on 12 November 2020

If Committee members have any questions or comments on the information, please contact fabbott@somerset.gov.uk in the first instance.

10 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.

Meetings of the Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of 2021 are as follows: -

- Monday 4 October 2021 @ 10am
- Monday 8 November @ 10 am
- Wednesday 1 December – now beginning @ 2 pm

The meetings will be held in The Luttrell Room, County Hall, Taunton.