

# SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Monday 8 November 2021

10.00 am Luttrell Room - County Hall,  
Taunton



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 Democratic Services  
- 29 October 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 Monday 4 October 2021** (Pages 9 - 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 for Policies, Children and Families Committee Work Programme** (Pages 17 - 28)

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

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 **Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews** (Pages 29 - 32)

To consider progress report from Caroline Dowson, SSCP Business Manager, Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership. A PowerPoint presentation will be given at the meeting.

*Note: The Chair will be allowing 50 minutes for this agenda item to allow for discussion.*

7 **West Somerset Opportunity Area** (Pages 33 - 62)

To consider PowerPoint presentation from Julia Ridge, Strategic Manager Education Systems, West Somerset Opportunity Area Lead for Somerset County Council.

*Note: The Chair will be allowing 50 minutes for this agenda item to allow for discussion.*

8 **Items for Information**

- (a) Report on school meals provision – supporting eco schools – will be circulated on 2 November 2021.
- (b) Tribunal summary report (paper previously circulated for mtg on 04.10.21) – recirculated on 29 October 2021. Can members please note that the report is not in the public domain, but is referred to as part of the SEND Improvement Board minutes on the local offer – [SEND Improvement Board \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/SEND-Improvement-Board)

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

9 **Trauma Informed Approach - workshop item**

This item will be a workshop item and will be led by Vikki Hearn, Joint Strategic Commissioner Children's and Health.

The workshop will cover what the elements of a 'trauma informed Somerset' might look like, the emerging themes and the possible steps which may need to take, based on feedback from a professionals workshop taking place on 1 November. Further information will be circulated to the Committee members separately.

*Note: The Chair will be allowing 1 hour 10 minutes for this agenda item to allow*

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*for discussion.*

10 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.