

SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, CHILDREN & FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday 25 January 2022

10.00 am Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams



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

Cllr L Redman (Chair), Cllr R Williams (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Dimery, Cllr James Hunt, Cllr B Revans, 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.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Democratic Services - 17 January 2022

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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 Wednesday 1 December 2021**
(Pages 9 - 12)

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 13 - 22)

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 **Partnership Children & Young People's Plan 2022 - 2025** (Pages 23 - 38)

To consider the report and presentation.

7 **Children's Services Business Plan and resourcing through the Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2022 - 2023** (Pages 39 - 118)

To consider the MTFP report for Children and Families Services and discuss the recommendations. The report considered at the Cabinet meeting held on 19 January 2022 and associated appendices is also attached.

A PowerPoint presentation outlining the context to the Children's Services Business Plan will follow.

8 **Task & Finish Group - update**

To receive update from the Chair of the Task and Finish Group – 'Continuity of Children's Services through Local Government Reorganisation in Somerset'

9 **Items for information**

- (a) Scrutiny Review update
- (b) Family Safeguarding in Somerset - interim evaluation

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

10 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.