

# Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Advisory Board

## Monday 28 February 2022

### 10.00 am Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams



To: The Members of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families  
Committee (Advisory Board meetings only from 19 January 2022 onwards)

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 meetings of the Cabinet and  
Scrutiny Committees.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Monitoring Officer, Strategic Manager - Governance and  
Democratic Services - 18 February 2022

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2030?**



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## AGENDA

Item Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee (Advisory Board meetings only from 19 January 2022 onwards) - 10.00 am Monday 28 February 2022

**\*\* 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 **Notes of the Advisory Board meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022** (Pages 9 - 18)

The Advisory Board is asked to accept the notes of the meeting.

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 - 30)

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 **Inclusion Inquiry** (Pages 31 - 47)

To welcome Dr Rob Hart, Assistant Director, Inclusion and Mr Brian Walton, Head Teacher, Brookside Academy to the meeting for this agenda item.

*Note – The Chair will be allowing 1 hour 20 – 1 hour 30 mins for agenda items 6 and 7 to allow for discussion.*

7 **Inclusion and engagement in education** (Pages 48 – 77)

To consider presentation from Dr Rob Hart, Assistant Director, Inclusion, Mr Phil Curd, Strategic Manager and Ms Emily Walters, Head of Virtual School.

An overview presentation will be given at the meeting to draw out the main points.

8 **Homes for Children** (Pages 79 - 86)

To consider presentation from Ms Helen Price, Assistant Director Commissioning & Performance and Ms Julie Breeze, Strategic Manager.

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

9 **Items for information**

(a) Trauma Informed Somerset

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 meeting.

10 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.