

# SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Monday 5 September 2022

1.00 pm Luttrell Room - County Hall,  
Taunton



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

Cllr L Redman (Chair), Cllr O Patrick (Vice-Chair), Cllr S Aujla, Cllr J Baker, Cllr S Carswell, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr S Hart, Cllr B Height, Cllr J Hunt, Cllr J Kenton, Cllr E Potts-Jones, Cllr M Lovell, and Cllr J Snell

R Hobbs, E Tipper and The Revd T Osmond – co-opted members

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Democratic Services - 25 August 2022

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[www.somerset.gov.uk/agendasandpapers](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/agendasandpapers)

**Are you considering how your conversation today and the actions you propose to take contribute towards making Somerset Carbon Neutral by 2030?**



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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](#)

The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via request to the Democratic Service Team.

Any new or updated declarations of interest will be received.

3 **Minutes from the previous meeting held on 25 July 2022** (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 - 18)

To receive an update from the Governance Manager. To assist the discussion, the following documents are attached: -

- (a) The Committee's Work Programme
- (b) The Committee's Outcome Tracker

Please use the following link to view the latest Executive Forward Plan of planned key decisions that have been published on the Council's website  
[Executive Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

6 **2022 Key Stage assessment results for Somerset**

To provide information on the 2022 Key Stage assessment results for Somerset,

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with a recap of the 2019 results for Somerset.

The item will be led by the Council's Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker (presentation – to follow)

*Note – the Chair will allow 15 minutes for this agenda item*

7 **Academisation - moving towards 2030**

To provide an update on the policy and the current position in Somerset. The item will be led by the Council's Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker (presentation – to follow)

*Note – the Chair will allow 30 minutes for this agenda item*

8 **Update on budgetary pressures in Children's Services**

This agenda item will be led by the Council's Deputy Director Children's Services Claire Winter

For background, see [2022/23 Revenue Budget Monitoring – Month 3 – End of June 2022](#)

*Note – the Chair will allow 30 minutes for this agenda item*

9 **Homes for children in Somerset - progress update**

This item will be led by officers from the project team, the Council's Strategic Manager, Daniel Moncrieff and Service Manager, Caroline Barnes, and is the substantive agenda item for the meeting.

*Note – the Chair will allow 45 minutes for this agenda item*

10 **Items for Information - Standing Item**

This is a standing agenda item and provides details of information sent to the Committee in between meeting, that cover Children & Families Scrutiny policy areas.

(a) Task and Finish Group review of School Exclusions (23 September 2020):-

[Covering report](#)

[Task and Finish Group Report](#)

[Cabinet members response](#)

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(b) [Task Group review of Elective Home Education](#) (June 2015) and [Report to Committee 3 March 2021](#)

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.

11 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.