

# SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Monday 16 January 2023

1.00 pm Luttrell Room , County Hall,  
Taunton, TA1 4DY



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, Cllr J Snell.

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

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Monitoring Officer and Head of Governance and Democratic Services - 6 January 2023

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## AGENDA

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### **\*\*Information on the Committee\*\***

#### **\*\* 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 12 December 2022** (Pages 11 - 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 - 30)

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 **Scrutiny update on the Ofsted Action Plan**

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To receive an update on the Ofsted Action Plan. The item will be led by the Council's Acting Assistant Director Community and Strategy, Paul Shallcross.

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

7 **Return Home Interviews process and progress** (Pages 31 - 36)

To receive report and update from the Council's Head of Service, Prevention, Lise Bird.

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

8 **Verbal Updates on Task and Finish Groups - (a) external placements; (b) home to school transport**

To receive updates on the work of the Committee's Task and Finish Groups: -

- (a) Sufficiency of external placements
- (b) Home to School Transport

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

9 **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) - Trauma Informed Somerset practice model and implementation**

To receive report and presentation.

This item will be led by the Council's Joint Commissioner, Children's and Health, Vikki Hearn and colleagues from CAMHS and Public Health.

*Note – the Chair will allow 1 hour for this workshop agenda item.*

10 **Items for Information - Standing Item**

This is a standing agenda item and will provide details of information sent to Committee members in between meetings, that cover Children & Families Scrutiny policy areas.

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

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11 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.