

# SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Monday 12 December 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, Monitoring Officer and Head of Governance and Democratic Services - 2 December 2022

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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 Monday 7 November 2022** (Pages 11 - 18)

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 19 - 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](#)

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6 **Education Strategy for Somerset - progress update**

To receive a progress update - Presentation (to follow).

This item will be led by the Council's Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker.

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

7 **LA Maintained Schools - Core Offer - Business Case** (Pages 31 - 150)

This item will be led by the Council's Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker. To consider Report (attached).

(There is a Covering Report, DRAFT Executive Key Decision Report and Appendices 1-5).

*Note – the Chair will allow 50 minutes for this agenda item.*

8 **Somerset Connect and links to the Frome LCN development**

To consider Report and to receive Presentation (to follow).

This item will be led by the Council's Assistant Director Commissioning Richard Selwyn, Strategic Manager, Vikki Hearn and Strategic Manager Public Health, Patsy Temple.

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

9 **Verbal Update on Task and Finish Groups**

To receive an update on the Committee's Task and Finish Groups: -

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

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.

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- (a) 2022 key Stage assessment results – correspondence sent to the Leader Somerset County Council on 14 November and Response received on 15 November;
- (b) Somerset [Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report 2021 – 22](#) - circulated on 15 November
- (c) [Peninsula Fostering Framework Agreement](#) - Decision taken on 16 November 2022 – circulated on 21 November

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.

11 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.