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To: The Chair and Members of the Children's
Scrutiny Committee

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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 14th March, 2023

A meeting of the Children's Scrutiny Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Committee Suite, County Hall, Exeter to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies

2 Minutes

Minutes of the two meetings held on 26 January 2023 (previously circulated).

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

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MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION OR REVIEW

5 Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

In accordance with previous practice, Scrutiny Committees are requested to review the list of forthcoming business and determine which items are to be included in the [Work Programme](#).

The Committee may also wish to review the content of the [Cabinet Forward Plan](#) and the Children's Services [Risk Register](#) to see if there are any specific items therein it might wish to explore further.

6 Children's Social Care Performance (Pages 1 - 4)

Performance report, attached.

7 Ofsted Monitoring Visit (Pages 5 - 10)

Ofsted Monitoring Visit letter, attached.

8 Devon Local Area SEND Improvement Plan (Pages 11 - 66)

Presentation and Plan attached.

9 Direct Payments Policy and Short Breaks Strategy (Pages 67 - 142)

Report of the Head of Service - Disabled Children's Service, Children's Social Care, attached.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

10 Information Previously Circulated

Below is a list of information previously circulated for Members, since the last meeting, relating to topical developments which have been or are currently being considered by this Scrutiny Committee.

- Recruitment and Retention Update (18th January)
- Public Health Nursing CQC Inspection Report (24th January)
- Sector Led Improvement Partnership Update (6th February)
- Additional spending on dental care (24th February)
- Devon's Response to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review (24th February)
- Children's Social Care Re-shape briefing (24th February)
- Committee Risk Register (6th March)

[Briefing notes](#)

PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Nil

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