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

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## **CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Monday, 11th September, 2017

A meeting of the Children's Scrutiny Committee is to be held on the above date at 2.15 pm at Committee Suite - County Hall to consider the following matters.

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## **AGENDA**

### **PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE**

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes  
Minutes of the People's Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 June 2017 (previously circulated).
- 3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention  
Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.
- 4 Public Participation  
Members of the public may make representations/presentations on any substantive matter listed in the published agenda for this meeting, as set out hereunder, relating to a specific matter or an examination of services or facilities provided or to be provided.

## **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION OR REVIEW**

- 5 Special Educational Needs and Disability Update (Pages 1 - 6)  
Report of the Head of Education and Learning (CS/17/30).
- 6 Children's Social Work Improvement Plan 2017/18 (Pages 7 - 30)  
Report of the Head of Children's Social Care (CS/17/27)
- 7 Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Redesign (Pages 31 - 36)  
Report of the Head of Children's Social Care (CS/17/26).
- 8 Independent Reviewing Unit Annual Report (Pages 37 - 108)  
Report of the Head of Children's Social Care (CS/17/28).
- 9 Performance - Education and Learning (Pages 109 - 118)  
Report of the Head of Education and Learning (CS/17/29).
- 10 Performance - Children's Social Care (Pages 119 - 156)  
Report of the Head of Children's Social Care (CS/17/25).

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 11 Children's Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
  - (a) In accordance with the previous practice, Scrutiny Committees are requested to review the list of forthcoming business (previously circulated) and to 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 to see if there are any specific items therein it might wish to explore further. The Work Programme and Forward Plan can be found at:  
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/democracy/committee-meetings/scrutiny-committees/scrutiny-work-programme/>
  - (b) Commissioning Liaison Member update

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

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### **Membership**

Councillors R Hannaford (Chairman), D Sellis (Vice-Chair), S Aves, F Biederman, J Brazil, E Brennan, C Channon, I Chubb, G Gribble, J Hawkins, L Hellyer, R Hosking, T Inch, J Mathews, A Saywell, M Squires, C Mabin and J Mannix

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