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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 10th June, 2019

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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A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes
- 3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention
Items which in the opinion of the Chair 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 Election of Commissioning Liaison Member
In line with the recommendations of the 'Scrutiny in a Commissioning Council' Task Group Report, the Committee be asked to select a Commissioning Liaison Member, whose role will be to work closely with the relevant Cabinet Members and Chief Officers/Heads of Service, developing a fuller understanding of commissioning processes, and provide a link between Cabinet and Scrutiny on commissioning and commissioned services.

The Commissioning Scrutiny Task Group Report can be viewed here:
<https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/documents/s1830/Scrutiny%20in%20a%20Commissioning%20ig%20Council.pdf>

- 6 Elective Home Education (Pages 1 - 8)
Report of the Head of Education and Learning (CS/19/15), attached.
- 7 Devon's Alternative Provision (Education) (Pages 9 - 12)
Report of the Head of Education and Learning (CS/19/13), attached.
- 8 The Education, Health and Care Plan Task Group (Pages 13 - 52)
Task Group Report, attached.
- 9 Schools Funding in Devon 2019/20 (Pages 53 - 60)
Report of the Head of Education and Learning (CS/19/17), attached.
- 10 Performance- Education (Pages 61 - 76)
Performance report (CS/19/16), attached.
- 11 Youth Service recommissioning (Pages 77 - 88)
Report of the Head of Communities, attached.
- 12 Risk Register - Annual Report (Pages 89 - 98)
Report of the County Treasurer (CT/19/53), attached.
- 13 OFSTED Focussed Visits - 1/2 May 2019 (Pages 99 - 100)
Report of the Head of Children's Social Care (CS/19/19), attached.
- 14 Special Guardianship Task Group (Pages 101 - 120)
Task Group Report, attached.
- 15 Children's Social Care - Office Site Visits (Pages 121 - 130)
Scrutiny Report, attached.
- 16 Performance - Children's Social Care (Pages 131 - 136)
Report of the Head of Children's Social Care (CS/19/18), attached.
- 17 Commissioning Liaison Member Spring briefing (Pages 137 - 140)
Report of the Commissioning Liaison Scrutiny member, Councillor Hosking (CT/19/14), attached.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 18 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:
 - Implementation of new foster carer allowances scheme

- Annual OFSTED Conversation
- SEND review update

Briefing notes can be found at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/democracy/councillors-nav/information-for-members/briefings-for-members/children-and-schools/>

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Children's Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

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:

<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>

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

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Membership

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

Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare any interest they may have in any item to be considered at this meeting, prior to any discussion taking place on that item.

Access to Information

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Anyone wishing to speak is requested to register in writing to the Clerk of the Committee (details above) by the deadline, outlined in the Council's [Public Participation Scheme](#), indicating which item they wish to speak on and giving a brief outline of the issues/ points they wish to make. The representation and the name of the person making the representation will be recorded in the minutes.

Alternatively, any Member of the public may at any time submit their views on any matter to be considered by a Scrutiny Committee at a meeting or included in its work Programme direct to the Chair or Members of that Committee or via the Democratic Services & Scrutiny Secretariat (committee@devon.gov.uk). Members of the public may also suggest topics (see: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/democracy/committee-meetings/scrutiny-committees/scrutiny-work-programme/>)

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Induction loop system available

Committee Terms of Reference

1) To review the implementation of existing policies and to consider the scope for new policies for all aspects of the discharge of the Council's functions concerning the provision of personal services for children including social care, safeguarding and special needs services, schools and learning;

(2) To assess the effectiveness of decisions of the Cabinet in these areas of the Council's statutory activity;

(3) To relate scrutiny to the achievement of the Council's strategic priorities and objectives and of delivering best value in all its activities;

(4) To make reports and recommendations as appropriate arising from this area of overview and scrutiny.

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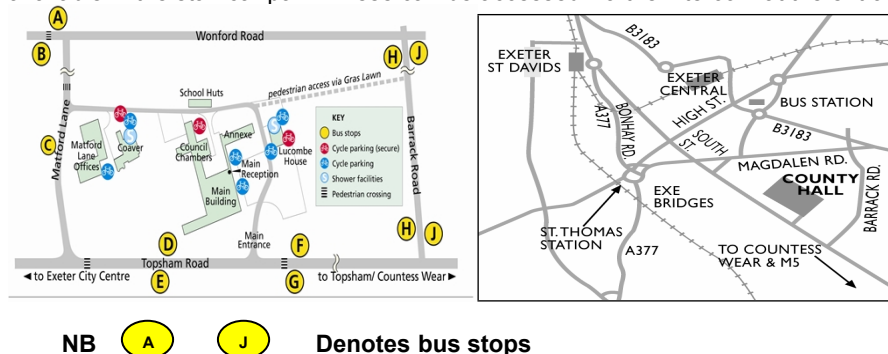
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