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

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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 25th January, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Children's Scrutiny Committee is to be held on the above date at 2.15pm to consider the matters below. For the joining instructions, please contact the Clerk for further details on attendance and/or public participation.

Phil Norrey
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies

2 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

4 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.

5 SEND Improvement (Pages 1 - 22)

Report of the Head of Education and Learning, CS/21/01, attached.

A full written report on the actions taken to deliver the Local Area SEND Written Statement of Action and progress since the report was published in January 2019.

6 Domestic Violence and Abuse and Early Help (Pages 23 - 28)

Report of the Head of Public Health Nursing (CS/21/02), attached.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

7 Youth Offending Service Peer Review (Pages 29 - 32)

Briefing on the Peer Review of Devon Youth Offending Service by Essex Youth Offending Service, attached

8 Children's Standing Overview Group (Pages 33 - 38)

Notes from the December Standing Overview Group, attached.

9 Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) Joint Scrutiny Group (Pages 39 - 42)

Report of the Chair of the RAA Joint Scrutiny Group, attached.

10 Information Previously Circulated

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

- Letter from Vicky Ford MP in response to Eleanor Brazil's report to the DfE on Children's Services in Devon (9/11/20).

[Briefing notes](#)

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