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

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### **CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 7th September, 2021

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 to consider the following matters.

Phil Norrey  
Chief Executive

### **A G E N D A**

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

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)  
Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021 (previously circulated) and the minutes from the April and July SOG meetings, attached.
- 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 Election of Commissioning Liaison Member

### 7 Election of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Member Champion

### 8 Children's Social Care Performance Report (Pages 9 - 26)

Report of the Interim Head of Children's Social Care (CS/21/09), attached.

### 9 SEND Performance Report (Pages 27 - 52)

Report of the Head of Education & Learning (CS/21/10), attached.

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### 10 Early Help Spotlight Review Progress Report (Pages 53 - 58)

Report of the Head of Service for Public Health Nursing-Strategic Lead for Early Help (CS/21/11), attached.

### 11 Bridges (Edge of Care) Progress Report (Pages 59 - 66)

Report of the Interim Head of Children's Social Care (CS/21/12), attached.

### 12 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.

- Independent Review of Children's Social Care (17/06/21)
- Education and Inclusion Briefing (28/06/21)
- Introduction to the MASH (12/08/21)

[Briefing notes](#)

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Nil

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