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To: The Chair and Members  
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## **CABINET**

Wednesday, 14th December, 2022

A meeting of the Cabinet is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am in the Committee Suite (Clinton / Fortescue) - County Hall to consider the following matters.

Jan Spicer  
Interim Chief Executive

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

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

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2022 (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.

4 Announcements

5 Petitions

6 Question(s) from Members of the Council

**FRAMEWORK DECISION**

NIL

**KEY DECISIONS**

7 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment - Annual Return (Pages 1 - 60)

Report of the Early Years and Childcare Sufficiency Lead (CS/22/30) presenting the annual return on the sufficiency of accessible, affordable, high quality early years and childcare places, attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

**MATTERS REFERRED**

8 Children's Scrutiny - SEND Task Group (Minute \*68) (Pages 61 - 108)

In considering the Report of the Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Task Group (Minute \*68), the Children's Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 15 November 2022 had RESOLVED '*that the Task Group Report and recommendations be endorsed and commended to the Cabinet.*

Recommendations

(a) that the Children's Scrutiny Committee is thanked for its commitment to the Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) of children, young people and their families in Devon and for the work of the Task Group;

b) that, as requested, the Cabinet Member will write to the Secretary of State for Education, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and will continue to work with the F40 group to ensure fair funding for the children and young people of Devon, and

(c) that Cabinet thanks the Scrutiny Committee for the Report and that it is copied to the SEND Improvement Board for information.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

9 Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee - Treasury Management Stewardship Mid Year Report (Pages 109 - 116)

Report of the Director of Finance (DF/22/102) outlining the Council's Treasury Management Mid-Year Stewardship 2022/23, which updates on key matters arising from the Council's Treasury and Debt Management activities during the first seven months of the 2022/23 financial year, previously considered and endorsed by the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee on 24 November 2022 (Minute \*81 refers). The Report is attached.

**Recommendation**

That Cabinet further endorse the Treasury Management Mid-Year Stewardship 2022/23 Report.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

10 Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee - Future Management of Local Bus Services

At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport on the Future Management of Local Bus Services, the progress with the establishment of the Enhanced Partnership (EP) and what this meant for the management of local bus services (Minute \*82 refers). The Committee RESOLVED 'that in recognising the vital role of the connectivity provided by the bus network in Devon, the Cabinet be requested to speak to Government to secure greater investment in the local bus network as being essential in promoting public health and supporting carbon reduction and climate strategies'.

**Recommendation**

that the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport

(a) writes to the Secretary of State for Transport to ask that the Local Transport Funding paid to local authorities to support services while they recover from the pandemic, is extended beyond the expiry date of March 2023; and

(b) continues to take every opportunity to encourage Government to continue to support local bus services through additional funding.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

## **STANDING ITEMS**

11 Question(s) from Members of the Public

12 Minutes

Minutes of the bodies shown below are circulated herewith for information or endorsement as indicated therein (i.e. any unstarred minutes):

a Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee - 19 October 2022 (Pages 117 - 120)

b Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education - 7 November, 2022 (Pages 121 - 126)

c Devon Education Forum - 23 November, 2022 (Pages 127 - 138)

The Cabinet are asked to further endorse minute 69(a) relating to proposals for the 2023-24 schools revenue funding formula and to note minute 69(b) relating to the Forum's decision not to support the transfer 0.5% to the HNB and further note the disapplication request to the Secretary of State has been submitted to overturn this decision.

d Devon Audit Partnership Committee - 1 December, 2022

The minutes for this meeting will be published here shortly -

<https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=175&MId=4692&Ver=4>

e SEND Improvement Partnership Board Minutes (Pages 139 - 140)

f Children's Services Improvement Partnership Board Minutes (Pages 141 - 146)

13 Delegated Action/Urgent Matters

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14 Forward Plan (Pages 147 - 158)

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet is requested to review the list of forthcoming business (previously circulated) and to determine which items are to be defined as key and/or framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting.

The [Forward Plan is available on the Council's website](#).

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

### 15 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Recommendation: that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely, the financial or business affairs of the preferred bidder or tenderers for the provision or supply of council goods or services, and in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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### 16 Children's Centres - Contract Extension (Pages 159 - 170)

*(An item to be considered by the Cabinet in accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules and Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, no representations having been received to such consideration taking place under Regulation 5(5) thereof)*

Report of the Head of Children's Health and Wellbeing ([CS/22/31](#)) on proposals for contract extension for Children's Centres, attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

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