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

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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 6th June, 2023

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, Exeter to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2023 (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 Public Participation

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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

In line with the recommendations of the '[Scrutiny in a Commissioning Council](#)' [Task Group Report](#), the Committee is requested 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.

7 SEND Improvement Plan - Progress on Task Group Recommendations (Pages 1 - 8)

Report of the Interim Deputy and SEND Strategic Director, attached.

8 Ofsted Monitoring Visit Letter (Pages 9 - 12)

Ofsted letter dated 23 May 2023, attached.

9 Children's Services Improvement Plan (Pages 13 - 50)

Improvement Plan, attached.

10 Sufficiency Initiatives for Children in Care and Care Experienced Young People (Pages 51 - 56)

Report of the Head of Children's Health and Wellbeing, attached.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

11 Children's Standing Overview Group (Pages 57 - 62)

Report of the Children's Standing Overview Group dated 18 April 2023, 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.

- List of Children's Centres in Devon (9th March)
- Written responses - Breakdown of children and young people in Employment, Education and Training (13th March)
- Written Response - Geographic spread of Devon's Care Leavers (13th March)
- Written Response - Breakdown of Care Leavers aged 17-18 and Care Leavers in Unsuitable Accommodation (13th March)
- Written Response - Breakdown of Assessment Timeliness (13th March)
- Improvement Partnership Board Update (27th March)
- Written Response - Thresholds for EHC Needs Assessments and EHC Plans (29th March)
- Devon Family Hubs Development (20th April)
- Devon Educational Psychology Service: Pressures, actions and priorities (11th May)
- Committee Risk Register (16th May)

[Briefing notes](#)

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