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

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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 19th September, 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 6 June 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 Responses of the Cabinet to Reports of the Committee

Verbal reports of the Cabinet Members.

6 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.

7 Election of Domestic Sexual Violence and Abuse (DSVA) Champion

The Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities and Equality has requested nominations for a Member Champion on each of the three Scrutiny Committees in order to support him to better understand the Council's responses from across its services.

8 Children's Social Care Performance Report (Pages 1 - 16)

Presentation attached.

9 Update on Devon's Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)

Improvement Plan (Pages 17 - 26)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (CS/23/12), attached.

10 Children Electively Home Educated and Missing Education (Pages 27 - 36)

Report of the Director of Children's Services and Head of Education and Learning (CS/23/13), attached.

11 Children's Scrutiny Social Care Visits Report (Pages 37 - 52)

Report of the Children's Scrutiny Committee (LDS/23/10), attached.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

12 Children's Standing Overview Group (Pages 53 - 68)

Reports of the Children's Standing Overview Group dated 22 June 2023 (LDS/23/11) and 17 July 2023 (LDS/23/12), attached.

13 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.

- Social Care Performance Report (31 May)
- Babcock LDP Post Transition Update (12 June)
- SEND Improvement Board NHS Neurodiversity Presentation (12 June)
- Improvement Partnership Board Update July 2023 (1 August)
- Committee Risk Register (8 September)
- Response to Questions – Alternative Provision (8 September)

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

Nil

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