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

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

Tuesday, 14th November, 2023

A meeting of the Children's Scrutiny Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30am 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 19 September 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.

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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 In-year Budget Position (Pages 1 - 8)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (CS/23/20), attached.

8 Update on Devon's SEND Improvement (Pages 9 - 16)

Report of the Director of Children & Young People's Futures (CS/23/19), attached.

9 Children's Services Recruitment and Retention Spotlight Review (Pages 17 - 38)

Spotlight Review (LDS/23/18), attached.

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

10 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.

- Education Psychology Update (20 September 2023)
- Written Response - SEND and Tribunals (3 October)
- Committee Risk Register (23 October 2023)
- Ofsted Monitoring Visit letter (31 October 2023)

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

None

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