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Scrutiny Committee

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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 25th March, 2024

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 Declarations of Interest

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3 Minutes

Minutes of the two meetings held on 18 January 2024 (previously circulated).

4 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

5 Announcements

6 Public Participation

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MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION OR REVIEW

7 Responses of the Cabinet to Reports of the Committee

Verbal reports of the Cabinet Members.

8 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.

9 SEND Transformation Programme update (Pages 1 - 8)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (CS/24/07), attached.

10 Corporate Parenting Strategic Board - Impact of New Arrangements (Pages 9 - 20)

Report of the Head of Service - Corporate Parenting (CS/24/08), attached.

11 Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Report (Pages 21 - 34)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (CS/23/11), attached.

12 Children's Social Care Visits Report - Progress on recommendations (Pages 35 - 40)

Report of Director of Children and Young People's Futures (CS/24/09), attached.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

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.

- Children and Young People's Futures Service Recruitment and Retention Strategy and Action Plan 2023/25 (22nd January 2024)
- Committee Risk Register (8th March 2024)

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

None

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