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

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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 17th June, 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 meetings held on 25 March 2023 and 1 May 2023 (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 Public Participation

Members of the public may make representations/presentations on any substantive matter listed in the published agenda for this meeting, as set out hereunder, relating to a specific matter or an examination of services or facilities provided or to be provided.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION OR REVIEW

6 Responses of the Cabinet to Reports of the Committee

Verbal reports of the Cabinet Members.

7 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.

8 Election of Commissioning Liaison Officer

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.

(Currently held by Councillor P Sanders)

9 Children's Services Improvement Plan/Social Care Performance (Pages 1 - 20)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (CS/24/13).

10 Progress on Improving School Attendance (Pages 21 - 46)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (CS/24/15).

- 11 Children's Services Recruitment and Retention Spotlight Review: Progress report on recommendations (Pages 47 - 66)

Report of the Director of People & Culture and Director of Children and Young People's Services (LDS/23/18).

- 12 Children's Social Care Monitoring Visit March 2024 (Pages 67 - 70)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (CS/24/14).

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.

- Improvement Partnership Board Agenda and Reports for the meeting held on 9 April 2024 (2 April 2024)
- Ofsted Monitoring Visit Letter (12 April 2024)
- Improvement Partnership Board Agenda and Reports for the meeting held on 7 May 2024 (2 May 2024)
- Committee Risk Register (28 May 2024)
- Improvement Partnership Board Agenda and Reports for the meeting held on 4 June 2024 (29 and 30 May 2024)

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

None

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