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Dear Member,

**Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee - Wednesday,
12 January 2022**

Please find enclosed the following document for consideration at the meeting of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday, 12 January 2022 which was unavailable when the agenda was published.

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Yours sincerely

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**To all members of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny
Committee**

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Cabinet Member Responses to Recommendations

Agenda item	Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee recommendations (1/12/2021)	Response/Update
Children First Improvement Update – Quality Assurance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcomes the progress, hard work and successful outcomes made on quality assurance to date and recognises the importance of audit to demonstrate the quality of practice. The Committee would like to have a further update in the future on audit outcomes to a future meeting, to include an update on the contribution of children to their reviews and how the voice of the child and families is being sought and used in the audit process. The Committee's BPG will work with the service to identify a suitable timescale. 2. Asks that the Scrutiny Committee is referenced as part of the governance structure within the Quality Assurance Framework. 	<p>Update: The item has been added to the Committee's work programme and the Business Planning Group will discuss the best approach and timing for a future update at its meeting on 2 February 2022.</p> <p>Update: The Quality Assurance Framework has been updated to make reference to the Scrutiny Committee as part of the governance structure.</p>
Performance and Resources Report (PRR) – Quarter 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcomes the format and information contained in the PRR and agreed it was a useful tool to carry out scrutiny of the Council's Performance and Financial Position. 2. Welcomes that the service's focus and ambition around Performance Measure 1 (Percentage of re- 	<p>Update: This feedback was passed on to the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet when they considered the PRR on 2 December and 3 December 2021 respectively.</p> <p>Update: The service continually scrutinise data and review performance and will continue to report on the key performance indicators in future Performance and Resources</p>

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	<p>referrals to Children's Social Care within 12 months of the previous referral) recognising it's an important indicator to measure the quality of service provided to children and young people.</p> <p>3. Would like to see how the option for parents to claim milage to provide home to school transport for their children could be further promoted and agreed to explore with the service how Members can assist to promote this to parents.</p> <p>4. Thanks those working together to help address the financial pressures and risks in the Learning and Skills Portfolio, which are primarily due to the increase in EHCPs, and supports the work being taken forward to increase capacity of WSCC SEND placements. The Committee welcomes that the Special Support Centres are being progressed as a priority as part of this.</p>	<p>reports which are considered by the Committee on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Update: How members can assist to promote the options for parents to claim milage to provide home to school transport will be discussed at the Business Planning Group on 2 February 2022.</p> <p>Response from Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills: I welcome the Committee's comments, recognising the work of the service to address the financial pressures and risks in the Learning and Skills portfolio. I will continue to update Councillors on the work being taken forward to increase capacity of SEND placements in the County which includes the progression of Special Support Centres.</p>