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Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee

A virtual meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am on Thursday, 4 June 2020.**

Note: In accordance with regulations in response to the current public health emergency, this meeting will be held virtually with members in remote, audio-only attendance. Public access is via audio webcasting.

The meeting will be available to listen to live via the Internet at this address:

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Agenda

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| 10.30 am | 1. | <p>Declarations of Interests</p> <p>Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt please contact Democratic Services before the meeting.</p> |
| 10.32 am | 2. | <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee (Pages 5 - 10)</p> <p>The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2020 (cream paper).</p> |
| 10.35 am | 3. | <p>Urgent Matters</p> <p>Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances, including cases where the Committee needs to be informed of budgetary or performance issues affecting matters within its terms of reference, which have emerged since the publication of the agenda.</p> |

- 10.36 am 4. **Responses to Recommendations**
- The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at the 4 March 2020 and 14 April 2020 meetings from: -
- a) The Director of Property and Assets (relating to Woodlands Meed)
 - b) The Head of Quality Assurance (relating to Children First Improvement)
 - c) The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills (relating to Small Schools)

- (a) **Woodlands Meed** (Pages 11 - 12)
- (b) **Children First Improvement** (Pages 13 - 14)
- (c) **Small Schools** (Pages 15 - 16)

- 10.45 am 5. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 17 - 30)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 20 May 2020.

An extract from any Forward Plan published between the date of despatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

- 10.55 am 6. **Children First Improvement**

Report by Executive Director of Children, Young People and Learning.

The report updates the Committee on developments in the Children First programme since its last update in March with a focus on neglect.

- (a) **Service Update** (Pages 31 - 42)
- (b) **Practice Improvement - Neglect** (Pages 43 - 72)

- 11.55 am 7. **Possible Items for Future Scrutiny**

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills will provide a brief update on Woodlands Meed following Cabinet on 26 May 2020.

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Scrutiny Committee, and suitable for scrutiny, e.g. raised with them by constituents arising from central government initiatives etc.

If any member puts forward such an item, the Committee's role at this meeting is just to assess, briefly, whether to refer the matter to its Business Planning Group (BPG) to consider in detail.

12.05 pm 8. **Requests for Call-In** (Pages 73 - 74)

There was one request for call-in to the Scrutiny Committee within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting - Small Schools proposals - Cabinet Decision ES 20/21.

The Director of Law and Assurance concluded that no valid grounds for a call-in had been provided in accordance with Standing Orders. The call-in request was therefore declined.

The Director of Law and Assurance will report any requests since the publication of the agenda papers.

12.06 pm 9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 24 September at 10.30 am at County Hall, Chichester. Probable agenda items include:

- High Cost Residential Placements and Residential Homes
- Fostering and Adoption
- Children First Improvement Update

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 9 September 2020.

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