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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 **Wednesday, 12 January 2022**.

Note: In response to the continuing public health measures, this meeting will be held virtually with members in remote attendance. Public access is via webcasting.

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

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Agenda

- 10.31 am 1. **Declarations of Interests**
- 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.
- 10.32 am 2. **Urgent Matters**
- 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.
- 10.33 am 3. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 12)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2021 (cream paper).

- 10.38 am 4. **Responses to Recommendations** (To Follow)
- The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at the 1 December 2021 meeting.
- 10.43 am 5. **Achievement and Attainment of Children in West Sussex** (Pages 13 - 28)
- Report by Director of Education and Skills.
- The report outlines the County Council's approach to attainment in West Sussex, and the plans and actions being taken to contribute to improving attainment levels for children.
- 11.58 am 6. **Children First Improvement Update - Children We Care For in West Sussex** (Pages 29 - 48)
- Report by the Executive Director of Children Young People and Learning.
- This item updates the Committee on the developments and progress made on the Children First programme since the Ofsted report in 2019. This report is focussed on Children We Care For in West Sussex.
- 12.43 pm 7. **Work Programme Planning and Possible Items for Future Scrutiny** (Pages 49 - 70)
- The Committee's work programme (Appendix A) and the Forward Plan entries relevant to its remit (Appendix B) are attached.
- The Committee is invited to review the work programme, enquire about any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio and raise any items for possible future scrutiny.
- 12.48 pm 8. **Requests for Call-In**
- There have been no requests for call-in to the Scrutiny Committee within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting. The Director of Law and Assurance will report any requests since the publication of the agenda papers.
- 12.53 pm 9. **Date of Next Meeting**
- The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 9 March 2022 at 10.30am at County Hall, Chichester. Probable agenda items include:
- Children First Improvement Update – Foster Service Redesign Phase 2
 - Performance and Resources Report Quarter 3
- Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the

meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 25 February 2022.

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