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Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Wednesday, 8 June 2022** at **County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ**.

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Agenda

10.31 am 1. **Election of Chairman**

The Committee's membership is set out below:

Cllr Baldwin
Cllr Burgess
Cllr Charles
Cllr Cherry
Cllr Duncton
Cllr Cornell
Cllr Hall
Cllr Linehan
Cllr McGregor
Cllr Mercer
Cllr Smith
Cllr Sparkes

The Committee is asked to elect a Chairman for 2022-23. If the election is contested, a secret ballot will be held in accordance with Standing Order 2.17.

10.36 am 2. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

The Committee is asked to elect a Vice-Chairman for 2022-23. If the election is contested, a secret ballot will be held in accordance with Standing Order 2.17.

10.41 am 3. **Business Planning Group Membership** (Pages 5 - 6)

Report by Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is asked to review the membership of the Business Planning Group in view of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman appointments.

10.46 am 4. **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.

10.48 am 5. **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.

10.50 am 6. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 7 - 14)

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2022 (cream paper).

10.55 am 7. **Regulatory Scrutiny of Children's Services and Children's Workforce Development** (Pages 15 - 32)

Report by Director of Children, Young People and Learning.

This report provides an update to the Committee on the latest position on external scrutiny of the service, the outcomes, and next steps. It also includes information on the current workforce and recruitment and retention initiatives.

11.25 am 8. **Governance and Forward Planning Arrangements in Children's Services** (Pages 33 - 42)

Report by Director of Children, Young People and Learning.

Focus for scrutiny

The Committee is asked to consider the overall service governance and forward planning arrangements and their ability to achieve better outcomes for children and families.

Areas for scrutiny include (key lines of enquiry):

- The three key priorities of the Practice Improvement Plan and whether these reflect the areas of focus highlighted in

the Commissioner and Ofsted reports as outlined in Item 7.

- Assurance that the governance structures are robust and appropriate for continuous service improvement and to highlight any areas for consideration or action by the Cabinet Member.

12.10 pm 9. **Work Programme Planning and Possible Items for Future Scrutiny** (Pages 43 - 68)

The Committee is asked to agree its draft work programme (Appendix A), which reflects the outcome of the discussions at the Committee's Business Planning Group meeting held on 9 May 2022, in accordance with the scrutiny checklist attached (Appendix B).

The Committee is asked to review the Forward Plan entries relevant to its remit (Appendix C) and consider whether it wishes to enquire about any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

12.15 pm 10. **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.

12.20 pm 11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 12 July 2022 at 1.30pm. Items on the agenda include:

- Draft Education and Skills Strategy
- Performance and Resources Report – Quarter 4

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 28 June 2022.

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

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