



Meeting: **Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date/Time: **Tuesday, 19 January 2021 at 2.00 pm**

Location: **Via Microsoft Teams**

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Membership

Mrs. H. J. Fryer CC (Chairman)

Dr. P. Bremner CC Mr T. Parton CC
Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC Mr. S. D. Sheahan CC
Mr. J. Kaufman CC Mr. G. Welsh CC
Mrs. C. Lewis Mrs. M. Wright CC
Mr. P. C. Osborne CC

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AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2020.	(Pages 5 - 12)
2. Question Time.	
3. Questions asked by members under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).	
4. To advise of any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent elsewhere on the agenda.	
5. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.	
6. Declarations of the Party Whip in accordance	



with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.

7. Presentation of Petitions under Standing Order 36.
8. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 - 2024/25. Director of Children and Family Services and Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 13 - 40)
9. Update on the Defining Children and Family Services for the Future Programme. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 41 - 50)
10. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Update. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 51 - 62)
11. Covid-19 Recovery Update. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 63 - 70)
12. Annual Report of the Adoption Service 2019-20. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 71 - 104)
13. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on 9 March 2021 at 2.00pm.

14. Any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent.

QUESTIONING BY MEMBERS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

The ability to ask good, pertinent questions lies at the heart of successful and effective scrutiny. To support members with this, a range of resources, including guides to questioning, are available via the Centre for Public Scrutiny website www.cfps.org.uk.

The following questions have been agreed by Scrutiny members as a good starting point for developing questions:-

- Who was consulted and what were they consulted on? What is the process for and quality of the consultation?
- How have the voices of local people and frontline staff been heard?
- What does success look like?
- What is the history of the service and what will be different this time?
- What happens once the money is spent?
- If the service model is changing, has the previous service model been evaluated?
- What evaluation arrangements are in place – will there be an annual review?