



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

Date/Time: **Monday, 5 November 2018 at 10.00 am**

Location: **Sparkenhoe Committee Room - County Hall**

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Membership

Mrs B. Seaton CC (Chairman)

Mrs. H. J. Fryer CC Mr. S. D. Sheahan CC
Mr. J. Kaufman CC Mr. G. Welsh CC
Mrs. C. Lewis Mrs. A. Wright CC
Mrs. R. Page CC Mrs. M. Wright CC
Mr. T. J. Pendleton CC

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AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2018.	(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. Progress Report: Ofsted Recommendations as Part of the Ofsted Continuous Improvement Action Plan 2017-2020 - The Road to Excellence. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 13 - 34)
9. Recruitment and Retention Strategy. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 35 - 40)
10. Forgotten Children: Alternative Provision and the Scandal of Ever Increasing Exclusions - House of Commons Education Committee Report July 2018: Summary of Report and Leicestershire Children and Families Service Department Update. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 41 - 48)
11. Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 49 - 104)
12. Leicestershire Fostering Agency Statutory Report. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 105 - 140)
13. Leicestershire Adoption Agency Statutory Report. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 141 - 162)
14. Leicestershire Virtual School. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 163 - 178)
15. The Development of a Unitary Structure for Local Government in Leicestershire. Chief Executive (Pages 179 - 218)

A copy of the report submitted to the Cabinet at its meeting on 16 October 2018 and the relevant Appendix (Appendix A) are attached. The Committee is invited to comment on the proposals. The views of the Committee will be reported to the Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 14 November 2018.

16. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on 22 January 2019 at 1.30pm.

17. 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?