



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

*Date/Time:* **Wednesday, 4 July 2018 at 1.30 pm**

*Location:* **Sparkenhoe Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield**

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### **Membership**

Mrs B. Seaton CC (Chairman)

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| Mrs. H. J. Fryer CC | Mr. T. J. Pendleton CC |
| Mr. G. Hirst        | 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      |

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### **AGENDA**

| <b><u>Item</u></b>  | <b><u>Report by</u></b> |
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| 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2018.  | (Pages 5 - 10)          |
| 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.

Petition: Save Our Children's Centres – Leicestershire

A petition is to be presented, signed by 4,283 people, in the following terms:

*'Stop the proposed closure of Children's Centres in Leicestershire and keep them open, protecting the valuable services they provide and preventing the potential claw-back of £5.8 million in grant funding'.*

As there is a report on this matter at Agenda Item 8, the petition will be considered at this point.

8. Early Help Review - Outcome of Consultation and Proposed Family Wellbeing Service. Director of Children and Family Services

A copy of the report to be submitted to the Cabinet at its meeting on 6 July 2018 will be circulated separately to the Committee. The Committee will be invited to comment on the proposals. The views of the Committee will be reported to the Cabinet.

9. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on 10 September 2018 at 1.30pm.

10. 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](http://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?