



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

*Date/Time:* **Wednesday, 18 November 2020 at 9.30 am**

*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**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Report by</u></b>
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2020.	(Pages 5 - 14)
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. Defining Children and Family Services for the Future. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 15 - 20)
9. 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 21 - 34)
10. Leicestershire Fostering Agency Statutory Report. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 35 - 84)
11. Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 85 - 142)
12. Quarter 2 2020/21 Performance Report. Chief Executive and Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 143 - 152)
13. Dates of Future Meetings.

Future meetings of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at 2.00pm on the following dates:

19 January 2021  
 9 March 2021  
 1 June 2021  
 7 September 2021  
 2 November 2021.

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](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?