



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

Date/Time: **Tuesday, 2 November 2021 at 2.00 pm**

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

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Membership

Mrs. H. J. Fryer CC (Chairman)

Mr. M. Frisby CC Mr. N. Lockyer
Mr. L. Hadji-Nikolaou CC Ms. Betty Newton CC
Mr. R. Hills CC Mr. C. A. Smith CC
Mrs. C. Lewis Mr. G. Welsh CC

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AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2021.	(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	



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7. Presentation of Petitions under Standing Order 36.

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| 8. Engagement of the Council's Strategic Plan. | Chief Executive | (Pages 13 - 66) |
| 9. Defining Children and Family Services for the Future. | Director of Children and Family Services | (Pages 67 - 74) |
| 10. Written Statement of Action and High Needs Block Development. | Director of Children and Family Services | (Pages 75 - 82) |
| 11. Quarter 2 2021/22 Performance Report. | Chief Executive and Director of Children and Family Services | (Pages 83 - 90) |
| 12. Leicestershire Fostering Agency Statutory Report. | Director of Children and Family Services | (Pages 91 - 134) |
| 13. Leicestershire Adoption Agency Statutory Report. | Director of Children and Family Services | (Pages 135 - 174) |
| 14. Leicestershire's Response to Tackling Child Criminal Exploitation. | Director of Children and Family Services | (Pages 175 - 184) |
| 15. Date of next meeting. | | |

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

25 January 2022

8 March 2022

7 June 2022

6 September 2022

8 November 2022.

16. 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 Governance and Scrutiny <https://www.cfgs.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?