



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

Date/Time: **Tuesday, 7 November 2023 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. Max Hunt CC
Mr. K. Ghattoraya CC Mrs. C. Lewis
Mr. L. Hadji-Nikolaou CC Mr. R. Martin
Mr. R. Hills CC Mr. G. Welsh CC

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AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
Webcast. A webcast of the meeting can be viewed here .	
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2023.	(Pages 5 - 16)
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. Leicestershire's Response to Tackling Children Criminal Exploitation. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 17 - 22)
9. Update on Admissions Service. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 23 - 48)
10. Quarter 2 2023/24 Performance Report. Chief Executive and Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 49 - 56)
11. The Role of the Local Authority Regarding Multi Academy Trusts. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 57 - 70)
12. Leicestershire Fostering Agency Statutory Report. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 71 - 116)
13. Leicestershire Adoption Agency Statutory Report. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 117 - 166)
14. Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer 2022/23. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 167 - 210)
15. Annual Report of the Virtual School 2022/23. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 211 - 248)
16. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on 23 January 2024 at 14:00.

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 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?

