



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

*Date/Time:* **Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 2.00 pm**

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

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### Membership

Mr. M. Frisby CC    Mr. M. Hunt CC  
Mrs. H. J. Fryer CC    Mrs. S. Jordan CC  
Mr. K. Ghattoraya CC    Mrs. C. Lewis  
Mr. L. Hadji-Nikolaou CC    Mr. R. Martin  
Mr. R. Hills CC

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### AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Appointment of Chairman.	
2. Appointment of Deputy Chairman.	
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2024.	(Pages 5 - 10)
4. Question Time.	
5. Questions asked by members under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).	
6. To advise of any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent elsewhere on the agenda.	
7. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.	



8. Declarations of the Party Whip in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.
9. Presentation of Petitions under Standing Order 36.
10. Children in Care and Care Leavers. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 11 - 24)
11. Family Hubs in Leicestershire: One Year On. Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 25 - 50)

*A presentation will be delivered during the meeting.*

12. Quarter 4 2023/24 Performance Report. Chief Executive and Director of Children and Family Services (Pages 51 - 60)
13. Dates of Future Meetings.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on 3 September 2024.

Meetings of the Committee in 2025 are scheduled to be held at 14:00 on the following dates:

21 January 2025  
4 March 2025  
3 June 2025  
2 September 2025  
4 November 2025

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 Governance and Scrutiny website [www.cfgs.org.uk](http://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?

Members are reminded that, to ensure questioning during meetings remains appropriately focused that:

- (a) they can use the officer contact details at the bottom of each report to ask questions of clarification or raise any related patch issues which might not be best addressed through the formal meeting;
- (b) they must speak only as a County Councillor and not on behalf of any other local authority when considering matters which also affect district or parish/town councils (see Articles 2.03(b) of the Council's Constitution).

