



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

*Date/Time:* **Tuesday, 21 January 2025 at 2.00 pm**

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

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### **Membership**

Mrs. H. J. Fryer CC (Chairman)

Mr. K. Ghattoraya CC    Mrs. S. Jordan CC  
Mr. L. Hadji-Nikolaou CC    Mrs. C. Lewis  
Mr. R. Hills CC    Mr. B. Lovegrove CC  
Mr. M. Hunt CC    Mr. R. Martin

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### **AGENDA**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2024.	(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. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 - 28/29. | Director of Children and Family Services and Director of Corporate Resources | (Pages 13 - 50)   |
| 9. SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-27.            | Director of Children and Family Services                                     | (Pages 51 - 104)  |
| 10. Quarter 2 2024/25 Performance Report.          | Director of Children and Family Services and Chief Executive                 | (Pages 105 - 116) |

11. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on 4 March 2025.

12. 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).

