

## Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 16 July 2020 at 10.00 am

**Please note:** In response to Covid-19 Emergency Guidelines this meeting will be held remotely and can be viewed on the County Council website by going to the following link:

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### AGENDA

1	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Andrea Clarke
2	<b>Declarations of interest</b> Please see note (a) at the end of agenda.	
3	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> (Pages 1 - 6)	Andrea Clarke
4	<p><b>Children's Services Improvement Journey and Covid 19</b> (Pages 7 - 102)</p> <p>The Committee will be joined by the Independent Chair of the Improvement Board and the council's DfE Advisor.</p> <p>The committee to discuss the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the council's improvement journey. Questions include: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ How did the council respond?</li> <li>➤ What has been the impact on vulnerable children and families?</li> <li>➤ What has been the impact on practice?</li> <li>➤ Have social workers been able to visit/see children and young people?</li> <li>➤ What has been the impact on the Improvement journey?</li> <li>➤ Has the council been able to progress the issues identified in the Ofsted Monitoring Letter (12 March 2020)?</li> </ul> <p>Reports as listed below are attached to the agenda to inform members questions/lines of enquiry. It is not intended that these reports will be individually discussed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Improvement Board Chair – Update Report</li> <li>➤ Ofsted Monitoring Letter (March 2020)</li> <li>➤ Practice Improvement Update</li> <li>➤ Accelerated Improvement Plan Dashboard</li> <li>➤ Self Assessment</li> </ul>	Chris Spencer, Andrew Ireland

**Membership** – Cllr Chris Coleman, Cllr Stephen Davies, Cllr Bernard Fisher, Cllr Colin Hay, Cllr Dr Andrew Miller (Chairman), Cllr Loraine Patrick, Cllr Alan Preest, Cllr Brian Robinson and Cllr Lesley Williams MBE (Vice-Chairman)

**Added Members** - Charlotte Blanch (Clifton Diocese) and Dr Richard Castle (Primary Sector Parent Governor Representative)

**Co-Opted Member** - Ambassador for Vulnerable Children and Young People

- (a) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Please declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests that you may have relating to specific matters which may be discussed at this meeting, by signing the form that will be available in the Cabinet Suite. Completing this list is acceptable as a declaration, but does not, of course, prevent members from declaring an interest orally in relation to individual agenda items. The list will be available for public inspection.

Members requiring advice or clarification about whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer (Rob Ayliffe Tel: 01452 328506 e-mail: [rob.ayliffe@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:rob.ayliffe@gloucestershire.gov.uk)) prior to the start of the meeting.

- (b) **INSPECTION OF PAPERS AND GENERAL QUERIES** - If you wish to inspect Minutes or Reports relating to any item on this agenda or have any other general queries about the meeting, please contact:

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- (c) **GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- 1 Will Members please sign the attendance list.
- 2 Please note that substitution arrangements are in place for Scrutiny (see p88 of the Constitution).

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