



**Service Director – Legal, Governance and
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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019

Andrea Woodside

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Chair

Councillor Andrew Marchington

Councillors Attended

Councillor Paul Davies

Councillor Paul White

Co-optees

Dale O'Neill

Apologies

Councillor Amanda Pinnock and Councillor Richard Smith

1 Membership of the Committee

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors R Smith and A U Pinnock.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2019.

That the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 19 July 2019 be approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

5 Number of Children in Care

The Panel will consider the latest data showing the number of children in care.

Contact Officer: Steve Comb, Head of Corporate Parenting.

That the report be received and noted.

6 Update on Exploitation Strategy and next steps

The Panel will consider an update report on the Exploitation Strategy, outlining next steps.

Contact Officer: Charlotte Jackson, Head of Service (Children's)
Ophelia Rix, Principal Social Worker

That the report be received and noted.

7 Ofsted Report

The Panel will consider the latest report from Ofsted on the findings of the Inspection of the Children's Social Care Services undertaken from 10th June to 21st June 2019.

Contact Officer: Elaine McShane, Service Director (Children and Families)
Steve Comb, Head of Corporate Parenting (Sufficiency)

- (1) That the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection regarding Children's Social Care Services be received and noted.
- (2) That the continuing work and actions to be taken to achieve improved outcomes as the next stage of the improvement journey, and the role of the Panel in supporting this, be noted.
- (3) That arrangements be put in place to arrange an informal Panel session regarding improving partnership working and governance structures.

8 Children's Scrutiny Panel Work Programme and agenda plan for 2019/20

Members of the panel will consider the work programme and agenda plan for the 2019/20 and will consider issues for inclusion.

Contact Officer: Helen Kilroy, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer.

That the Panel's 2019/2020 work programme be received and noted.
