



MEETING: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING)

DATE: 4th June 2024

TIME: 6.30 pm

VENUE: Committee Room - Bootle Town Hall, Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 7AE

Member

Councillor
Cllr. Judy Hardman (Chair)
Cllr. Danny Burns (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Leo Evans
Cllr Janet Harrison-Kelly
Cllr. Christopher Page
Cllr. Chloe Parker, NPQH
Cllr . Maria Porter
Cllr. Mike Prendergast
Cllr. Carol Richards
Cllr. Tom Spring
Maurice Byrne, Healthwatch
Mrs Sandra Cain, Independent
Advisory Member
Karen Christie, Healthwatch
Stuart Harrison, Diocese
Gemma Armer, PGR
Michelle Ravey
Cheryl Swainbank, PGR

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Councillor
Cllr. Greg Myers
Cllr. Jennifer Corcoran
Cllr. Phil Hart
Cllr. Tony Brough
Cllr. Steve McGinnity
Cllr. John Kelly
Cllr. Sam Hinde
Cllr. Dr. John Pugh
Cllr. Joanne Williams
Cllr. Joe Johnson

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

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3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting held on *

4. Public Question Time

5. Petition - Complaints Procedure

A petition from The Voice of the Families has been submitted containing 25 signatures. The petition states:

Please can the scrutiny committee investigate the complaints procedure that is currently being offered. Parents have raised concerns over the waiting times, questioned the capacity to deliver the promised services and the impact this has on vulnerable families. Each complaint is individual but there is no procedure to allow several families to jointly raise concerns.

A representative of The Voice of the Families will be allowed to address the Scrutiny Committee on the content of the petition for a period of 5 minutes.

6. Petition - Rights of The Voice of the Families

A petition from The Voice of the Families has been submitted containing 25 signatures. The petition states:

Please can the scrutiny committee support the right of the voice of the families to hold protests, present petitions, meet groups and individuals concerned and dealing with children's services, raise issues and to do this without being targeted, labelled and being the victim of falsehoods by individual councillors and Sefton personnel.

A representative of The Voice of the Families will be allowed to address the Scrutiny Committee on the content of the petition for a period of 5 minutes.

7. Petition - FASD Training

A petition from The Voice of the Families has been submitted containing 25 signatures. The petition states:

Please can the scrutiny committee investigate the issue of the FASD training that it being provided by Sefton for teaching staff, health and social care staff and families. Families are concerned that there is none. Promises of training that does not take place has increased the pain of the families involved.

A representative of The Voice of the Families will be allowed to address the Scrutiny Committee on the content of the petition for a period of 5 minutes

8. Cabinet Member Reports

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Report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer

9. Family Hubs

(To Follow)

Report of the Assistant Director, Help and Protection.

10. Children's Services Improvement Programme

To receive a verbal update from the Executive Director of Childrens Social Care and Education.

11. Quality Assurance and Practice Improvement

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Report of the Assistant Director, Safeguarding, Review and Quality Assurance.

12. Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2022-23

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Report of the Assistant Director, Safeguarding, Review and

Quality Assurance.

13. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CS&S) Work Programme 2024/25

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Report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer