



# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

THURSDAY, 13 JULY 2017 AT 3.30 PM

## CONFERENCE ROOM A - SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC OFFICES

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Councillor Ryan Brent (Conservative)

### Group Spokespersons

Councillor Rob Wood, Liberal Democrat

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## AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of interest
- 3 Children and Families Budget Outturn (Pages 3 - 10)

### Purpose of report

To inform the Cabinet Member of the revenue expenditure position within the portfolio cash limit for the financial year 2016-17. This report sets out the budget position and contributing factors to the final portfolio overspend at the end of the financial year; together with details of the initial financial projection

for 2017-18

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member:**

- (1) Notes the portfolio financial outturn position for 2016-17 of £0.335m in excess of the approved cash limit provision.**
- (2) Notes the current expectation that overspends represent a first call against the following year cash limit allocation. The overspend for 2016-17 has been accepted against corporate contingencies; given the actions that have been undertaken and continue to be developed to mitigate future overspending.**
- (3) Notes the ongoing budget pressures within the portfolio, as highlighted within the report, together with the need for continued action to reduce the service expenditure so that it can operate within its authorised cash limit for 2017- 18.**

**4 Bi-annual adoption report (Pages 11 - 18) (information item)**

Purpose

The Cabinet Member is asked to note the progression of the Regional Adoption Agency and the performance of the Portsmouth Adoption Agency in terms of:

- (a) Reducing waiting times for children being placed in permanent families.
- (b) Sustained number of children adopted in contrast to the national picture

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