



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2017 AT 2.00 PM

THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THIRD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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Councillor Ryan Brent (Conservative)

Group Spokespersons

Councillor Rob Wood, Liberal Democrat
Labour Group Spokesperson - Vacant

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of interest
- 3 **Children and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Report for the Second Quarter 2017-18 (Pages 3 - 8)**

Purpose of report

To inform the Cabinet Member of the projected revenue expenditure within the portfolio cash limit and capital programme for the current financial year 2017-18. This report sets out the budget position and contributing factors to the projected year-end overspend within the portfolio as at the end of September

2017.

RECOMMENDED: that the Cabinet Member

- (1) Notes the Children and Families Portfolio forecast budget position, at the end of September 2017, of £2.4m in excess of current approved cash limit provision.**
- (2) Supports the ongoing process of budget review and implementation of proposals to reduce the projected overspend position and deliver a balanced budget within the area of Children's Social Care.**
- (3) Notes the capital programme spending is currently in line with the approved capital budget.**

4 Annual Adoption Panel Activity Report November 2017 (information only) (Pages 9 - 18)

The following report is for information only.

Purpose of report

The previous report was prepared March 2017 and presented July 2017. This report will update the Lead Member on Portsmouth Adoption Agency's quarters one and two performance for 2017 and ongoing development in accordance with the government's Adoption Reform Programme introduced in 2012.

It is required by Standard 25.6 of the Adoption National Minimum Standards 2011 for Local Authority Adoption Services that the executive receives a six-monthly written report outlining the management and performance of the adoption agency.

The Cabinet Member is asked to note 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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