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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2018 AT 4.00 PM

THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THIRD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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## CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Councillor Rob Wood (Liberal Democrat)

### Group Spokespersons

Councillor Ryan Brent, Conservative  
Councillor Judith Smyth, Labour

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## AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests
- 3 **Children and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring for the Second Quarter 2018-19 (Pages 3 - 10)**

### Purpose

To inform the Cabinet Member of the projected revenue expenditure within the portfolio cash limit and capital programme for the current financial year 2018-19. 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

2018.

### **Recommended**

#### **That the Cabinet Member:**

- 1) Notes the Children and Families Portfolio forecast budget position, at the end of September 2018, of £5.6m 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 move towards the delivery of a balanced budget within the area of Children's Social Care; and;**
- 3) Notes the position in respect of the approved capital schemes for the portfolio.**

#### **4 Annual Adoption Panel Activity Report April 2018 (information report) (Pages 11 - 22)**

##### Purpose

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:

- 1) Reducing waiting times for children being placed in permanent families;
- 2) Sustained number of children adopted in contrast to the national picture; and;
- 3) The progress of Portsmouth becoming part of a regional adoption agency.

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