

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 5.00 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 Judith Smyth, Labour

Councillor Matthew Atkins, Conservative

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AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
- 2 **Declarations of members' interests**
- 3 **Children and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring for Quarter 3 - 2019/2020 (Pages 3 - 14)**

Purpose

To inform the Cabinet Member of the projected revenue expenditure within the portfolio cash limit and capital programme for the current financial year 2019/20. This report sets out the budget position and contributing factors to

the projected yearend overspend within the portfolio, as at the end of December 2019.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Children & Families

- 1. Note the Children and Families Portfolio forecast budget position as at the end of December 2019, of £3.8m in excess of the current approved cash limit provision.**
- 2. Note the continuing implementation of the "Stronger Futures" strategic programme designed to reduce the number of looked after children in the city, the key driver of the overspend in this portfolio.**
- 3. Approve the transfer of £10,200 funding from the Adaptions to Foster Carer Properties scheme to the scheme for a disabled looked after child.**
- 4. Note the position in respect of the approved capital schemes for the portfolio.**

4 Annual Adoption Panel Activity (Pages 15 - 26)

Purpose

The report is for information only and the purpose is to update the Lead Member on Portsmouth Adoption Service activity for the period April 1 2019 to 31 December 2019 and ongoing development in accordance with the Government's Adoption Reform Programme introduced in 2012.

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