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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY, 20 JULY 2023 AT 5.00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH**

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Councillor Suzy Horton (Liberal Democrat)

## **Group Spokespersons**

Councillor Ryan Brent, Conservative

Councillor Chris Dike, Portsmouth Independents Party

Councillor George Fielding, Labour

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## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests**
- 3 Inspection of Portsmouth City Council Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) (Pages 5 - 22)**  
Purpose

This information report is to update Members on the outcome of the Ofsted ILACS inspection undertaken between 15 and 19 May 2023.

**4 Six monthly Adoption Agency Activity Report March 2022 - September 2022** (Pages 23 - 34)

Purpose

1. This report will update the Lead Member, and the Cabinet on the activity of the Portsmouth Adoption Service for the period from 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022, as required by the Adoption regulations.
2. The Portsmouth Adoption Service is provided directly by the Adoption Team within the Council. The team is responsible for the work with children who have a plan of adoption and works with Adopt South our Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) who find, assess, and support adopters.
3. This report will describe the work of the in-house adoption team and the RAA and provide data of the outcomes achieved in the 6-month period.
4. Lastly it will provide an update on the priorities set out in the last reporting year and an update in any changes and or additions the coming year.

**5 The Mockingbird Project** (Pages 35 - 40)

Purpose

To provide an outline of The Mockingbird Project within the Portsmouth Fostering Service and to show the difference this continues to make to children we care for, and to the support our carers receive. The growth of this over recent years has been a significant achievement and the continuation of this is a priority for the service.

**6 Private Fostering Annual Report 2022-2023** (Pages 41 - 58)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to highlight the responsibilities that Portsmouth City Council has in relation to Private Fostering. It will look at the current numbers of children and young people in a Private Fostering arrangement and will analyse the issues that are relevant to the children and young people of Portsmouth. It will also look at evaluating the outcomes of Portsmouth City Council's work in relation to Private Fostering.

**7 Local Authority Maintained School Balances at 31 March 2023** (Pages 59 - 70)

The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet Member of the level of Local Authority maintained schools' revenue and capital balances as at 31 March 2023.

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