



## Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 16 January 2024

### Scrutiny Performance Panel Progress Report

<b>Purpose</b>	The Committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panel conveners will regularly provide a progress report, updating the Committee on headlines from their Panel's work and impact.
<b>Content</b>	This report focuses on the following Performance Panel: a) Child & Family Services
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure awareness and understanding of the work of the Panels</li><li>• Consider their effectiveness and impact</li><li>• Consider any issues arising and action required</li></ul>
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 There are five Performance Panels which have been established by the Committee. Whilst the work of an Inquiry Panel leads to the production of a final report with conclusions and recommendations for Cabinet based on evidence gathered on a specific issue, the work of a Performance Panel represents regular monitoring of, and challenge to, particular services / service areas and issues.
- 1.2 Performance Panels are expected to have on-going correspondence with relevant Cabinet / lead members in order to share views and recommendations, arising from monitoring activities, about the performance of services and service delivery.
- 1.3 The Committee is responsible for managing the overall work of Scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panels Conveners will therefore provide a regular progress report to the Committee to enable:

- a discussion on the work of each Panel, achievements, effectiveness and impact
- the Committee to consider any issues arising from Panel activities which may have an impact on the overall Scrutiny Work Programme
- awareness amongst the Committee as well as visibility across the Council and public.

1.4 This report is about the following Performance Panel:

- Child & Family Services

To focus the discussion a short, written report has been provided by the Convener and is **attached**. This includes a summary of Panel activities, correspondence between the Panel and relevant Cabinet Members, recommendations and impact.

1.5 This Panel involves the following 10 Members:

**Labour Councillors: 4**

Victoria Holland	Erika Kirchner
Yvonne Jardine	Wendy Lewis

**Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 4**

Mike Day	Susan Jones
Kevin Griffiths	Mark Tribe

**Conservative Councillors: 1**

<b>Paxton Hood-Williams (CONVENER)</b>	
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**Uplands Councillor: 1**

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**2. Legal Implications**

2.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

**3. Financial Implications**

3.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Performance Panel Update