

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

**Day:** Wednesday  
**Date:** 18 September 2024  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Place:** Committee Room 1 - Tameside One

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1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Members are requested to advise the Scrutiny Manager of any apologies for this meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Scrutiny Panel.</p>	
3.	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2024.</p>	1 - 4
4.	<p><b>UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b></p> <p>The Panel to meet Sandra Stewart, Chief Executive (Director of Children's Services), to receive an update on the current situation in Children's Services including short and longer term plans.</p>	Verbal Report
5.	<p><b>CHILDREN'S IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHT REPORT</b></p> <p>The Panel to meet Councillor Teresa Smith, Executive Member (Children's Services), and Alison Montgomery, Assistant Director Children's, to receive a report highlighting the progress, barriers and risks against the priorities and work areas within the Children's Services Improvement Plan, and key actions for the next reporting period.</p>	5 - 14
6.	<p><b>TAMESIDE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PARTICIPATION SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024</b></p> <p>The Panel to meet Councillor Teresa Smith, Executive Member (Children's Services), Alison Montgomery, Assistant Director Children's, and Debbie Wood, Participation and Equalities Officer, to receive a report outlining the annual overview of participation and engagement activity spanning from April 2023 to March 2024 across Children's Services.</p>	15 - 40
7.	<p><b>THE OMBUDSMAN'S FINAL DECISION</b></p> <p>The Panel to meet Councillor Teresa Smith, Executive Member (Children's Services), and Alison Montgomery, Assistant Director Children's, to receive a</p>	41 - 46

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From: Democratic Services Unit – any further information may be obtained from the reporting officer or from Georgia Latham, Scrutiny Manager or Tom Hoghton, Policy & Strategy Service Manager, to whom any apologies for absence should be notified.

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report detailing a Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman complaint that was submitted by a customer that had complained regarding the Council not providing overnight respite care for children since August 2022.

**8. CHAIR'S UPDATE**

To receive any updates from the Chair on the activity and future priorities for the Panel.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Panel will take place on Wednesday, 6 November 2024.

**10. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any additional items the Chair is of the opinion shall be dealt with as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.