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Scrutiny Commission

Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 6.30pm
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- To:** Councillors Carlyne Culver (Chairman), Dominic Boeck (Vice-Chairman), Antony Amirtharaj, Jeremy Cottam, Paul Dick, Ross Mackinnon, Erik Pattenden, and Christopher Read
- Substitutes:** Councillors Laura Coyle, Billy Drummond, David Marsh, Geoff Mayes, Richard Somner, Joanne Stewart and Howard Woollaston
- Other Officers & Members invited:** Councillors Jeff Brooks, Patrick Clark, Heather Codling, and Justin Pemberton. Supt. Andy Penrith, Nigel Lynn, Paul Coe, AnnMarie Dodds, Maria Shepherd, Rebecca Wilshire, Neil Goddard, Susan Tanner, and Alex O' Connor

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5.	Petitions Purpose: To consider any petitions requiring an Officer response.	25 - 26
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8. **Children's Social Care Complaints Annual Report 2023/24** 63 - 86
Purpose: To provide an overview of the management of and performance in responding to complaints in children's social care and request that the Children Social Care Complaints Annual Report be reviewed and approval given for publication.
9. **SEND High Needs Block and Delivering Better Value** 87 - 150
Purpose: This report provides information on the High Needs Block (HNB) deficit and outlines the work that is being undertaken through the Delivering Better Value (DBV) Programme and beyond.
10. **Covid and Recovery Task and Finish Group Report** 151 - 192
Purpose: To present the work of the Covid and Recovery Task and Finish Group, which sought to identify lessons learned from the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent recovery. The report makes recommendations based on the evidence gathered, which (if implemented) would improve preparedness for a future event.
11. **Appointment of Task and Finish Groups** 193 - 198
Purpose: To agree the terms of reference and membership for any task and finish groups that the Scrutiny Commission may wish to appoint to undertake in-depth scrutiny reviews.
12. **Health Scrutiny Committee Update** 199 - 200
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13. **West Berkshire Council Executive Forward Plan September to December** 201 - 218
Purpose: To advise the Commission of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council's Executive and to decide whether to review any of these items prior to the meeting indicated in the Forward Plan.
14. **Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission Work Programme** 219 - 222
Purpose: To receive new items and agree and prioritise the work programme of the Commission.

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