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Overview Report: Children's Services

Summary

The Committee will receive an overview report from the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Children's Services directorate which provides details of key achievements and challenges in 2025-2026 as any emerging issues within these areas of Council activity.

Detail

1. In 2025, to facilitate the important overview function of scrutiny committees and provide the opportunity to hold SBC Cabinet Members and services to account, a decision was made to resume overview and performance reporting to the Council's Select Committees. It was agreed that this should take place twice-yearly.
2. The reporting of performance measures will not commence until September / October 2026, therefore this initial overview-only update will focus on key achievements and challenges for Council services during 2025-2026, along with any emerging issues that relevant scrutiny committees need to be aware of.
3. A report has been provided in advance and is included within these meeting papers. The SBC Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, the officers from Children's Services are scheduled to be in attendance to provide a summary and address any Member comments / questions.
4. At this meeting, officers from the SBC Strategic Planning Team are also due to provide an update on how the performance information will be presented from the September / October 2026 cycle onward.

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