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Report title: Impact of the pandemic on Children and Families Services and Education Services	
Report to: People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This is an update on the impact of the pandemic on Children's and Families Services and Education Services and actions taken to mitigate the impact.

2. Action Required

To consider the update and identify any follow-up scrutiny actions

3. Background

- 3.1 This item was requested during recent discussions as part of the Committee's induction process after the County Council elections in May 2021. The Chairman and Vice Chairman have had subsequent discussions with portfolio holders and senior officers to help plan the update.
- 3.2 Prior to the County Council Elections in May 2021 the Committee did discuss some of the impacts of the pandemic with the most recent discussion being in March 2021 and a link to the meeting documents for that meeting is here - [PAF 18 March 2021 meeting papers](#)

4. Update and Next Steps

- 4.1 Councillors Tony Ball (Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Life Long Learning and Employability), Beverley Egan (Cabinet Member – Children's Services and Early Years) and Louise McKinlay, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community, Equality, Partnerships and Performance, together with supporting senior officers, will be in attendance for this item.
- 4.2 See Appendices A and B for the update.
- 4.3 Next Steps are as in Action Required above

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5. List of Appendices

- (i) Appendix A – Children and Families Services –
Children and Young People – Impacts of the pandemic
- (ii) Appendix B - Impact of Covid on the Education System

Due to its length, the following further background document has been published separately - Education settings - Covid-19 CYP Response Plan - Summer 2020.