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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL
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20 July 2021

Chairman: Councillor Trevor Foster

Venue: Conference Room,
Church Square House

Time: 11.00 am

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AGENDA

1. Substitutions.
2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests and declarations of whipping arrangements (if any).
3. To take the minutes of the meeting of the panel held on 1 February 2021 and 16 March 2021 as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign. (Pages 1 - 4)
4. Public speaking request (if any).
5. Children's Services and Education - Overview for Elected Members - Presentation by Senior Officers.
6. Added item (if any).
7. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be specified.

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1 February 2021

PRESENT:- Councillor T Foster in the Chair.

Councillors Yeadon (Vice-Chair), Armiger, Clark, Evison and Wells.

Statutory Co-opted Member: P Whittaker (Parent Governor Representative)

The panel met via MS Teams.

- 46 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS OF WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY)** – Mrs Whittaker declared a personal interest as a North Lincolnshire foster carer.

No whip was declared.

- 47 **MINUTES - Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting of this panel held on 16 December 2020 and 22 December 2020, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the chairman.

- 48 **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK** – There were no requests received.

- 49 **DRAFT SEND AND INCLUSION PLAN 2021/24.** The Chairman welcomed Darren Chaplin, Head of Access and Inclusion, and Julie Frost, Lead Officer SEND, to the meeting.

The Chairman explained that Darren and Julie had been invited to discuss the draft SEND and Inclusion Plan, and to answer any questions that members may have on this important document.

Darren and Julie gave a detailed presentation, covering the local ‘One Family Approach’, local successes and future ambitions that align with the council’s priorities, and monitoring and governance arrangements.

Members asked a range of questions throughout, including on topics such as annual health and wellbeing checks, engagement with GPs and other healthcare workers, Covid-19 support, and planned new facilities for young people with SEND.

Resolved – (a) That Darren Chaplin and Julie Frost be thanked for their presentation and for answering members’ questions, and (b) that the situation be noted.

- 50 **SEND ANNUAL PLAN 2019/20** – The Chairman then invited Darren and Julie to deliver a presentation on the 2019/20 SEND Annual Plan.

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Darren and Julie delivered a detailed presentation, covering the plan's ambitions, local structures and context, and how the plan was informed by comprehensive stakeholder engagement. The presentation then described progress against the earlier plan's aims, intentions and ambitions, before setting out plans to continue improving services, with an aim of ensuring children were supported, empowered, and prepared for adulthood.

The Chairman led a discussion about related issues, including questions about school exclusions, learning and sharing of best practice, and multi-agency working.

Resolved – (a) That Darren Chaplin and Julie Frost be thanked for their presentation and for answering members' questions, and (b) that the situation be noted.

51 **ADDED ITEM** – There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.

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16 March 2021

PRESENT:- Councillor T Foster in the Chair.

Councillors Yeadon (Vice-Chair), Armiger, Clark, Evison and Wells.

Statutory Co-opted Member: G Marsden (Church Representative)

The panel met via MS Teams.

- 52 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS OF WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY)** – There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests.

No whip was declared.

- 53 **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK** – There were no requests received.

- 54 **DISCUSSION WITH THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CABINET MEMBER, CLLR REED.** The Chairman welcomed Cllr Reed, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, to the meeting.

The Chairman set the context by stating that Cabinet Members were routinely invited to meetings of the relevant scrutiny panel, in order to discuss performance, ongoing work, and to respond to members' questions on their portfolios.

Cllr Reed gave a comprehensive presentation on ongoing work and priorities, including regional working to promote the 'One Family' approach and to tackle exploitation, dealing with the Covid-19 epidemic, school transport, and work to support children in care.

Members asked a range of questions throughout, including on working with schools and colleges, the investment in post-16 support, mental health, and promoting youth activities.

Resolved – (a) That Cllr Reed be thanked for their presentation and for answering members' questions, and (b) that the situation be noted.

- 55 **ADDED ITEM** – There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.

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