

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL

25 October 2021

PRESENT: - T Foster (Chairman)

T Foster (Chairman), L Yeadon (Vice-Chair), C Ross, D Wells and T Mitchell

The meeting was held at the Conference Room, Church Square House.

61 SUBSTITUTIONS.

Cllr Mitchell substituted for Cllr Allcock

62 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.

63 TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 20 JULY 2021 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of this panel held on 20 July 2021, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, subject to a minor amendment, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the chairman.

64 PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST (IF ANY).

There were no requests received.

65 BEST START - DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICERS AND KEY PARTNERS

The Chairman welcomed Jemima Flintoff, Head of Standards and Effectiveness, Di Rees, Service Manager – Support, and Verity Gardiner, Standards and Effectiveness Officer, to the meeting.

The Chairman explained that Jemima, Di and Verity had been invited to the meeting to provide an update on the ‘Getting the BEST START’ plan.

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Jemima explained that this was a 'One Family Approach' to improving outcomes for children in their early years.

Jemima, Di and Verity gave a comprehensive presentation, covering the current context within North Lincolnshire, shared priorities and plans to deliver them, and an overview of the Early Years Outcome Framework. The panel then asked questions on a host of related issues, including the Imagination Library, staff training and development, and multi-agency working. Jemima, Di, and Verity responded to all questions.

Resolved – (a) That Jemima Flintoff, Di Rees and Verity Gardiner be thanked for their attendance and for responding to members' questions; and (b) that the presentation and information be noted.

66 **ADDED ITEM (IF ANY).**

There was no added item for consideration at this meeting.

67 **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MUST BE SPECIFIED.**

There were no other items for consideration at this meeting.