

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL

23 June 2022

PRESENT: - Cllr T Foster (Chairman), Cllr L Yeadon (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Clark, Cllr M Armiger, Cllr J Longcake, Cllr C Ross and Cllr D Wells

The meeting was held at F36, Church Square House.

88 SUBSTITUTIONS.

Cllr Clark substituted for Cllr Allcock

89 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 or personal or personal and prejudicial interests. No whip was declared.

90 TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 26 APRIL 2022 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of this panel held on 26 April 2022, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

91 PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST (IF ANY).

There were no public speaking requests.

92 CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS - DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTOR: CHILDREN & FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES

The Chairman welcomed Ann-Marie Matson, Director: Children and Families, and Rachel Smith, Assistant Director: Children's Help and Protection, North Lincolnshire Council, to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Ann-Marie and Rachel for their attendance and invited them to deliver a presentation on the Children in Care and Care Leavers Partnership Plan 2022-24 and the Children in Care and Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy 2022-24. These key, complementary documents were designed to ensure that the council meets its statutory requirements in relation to children in care and care leavers, and to achieve the council's priority and ambition that 'children are in their families, in their schools and in their communities'.

The presentation covered the background to the documents, how children

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and young people's voices were built into processes, progress to date, and next steps for 2022-24.

Members then discussed the strategies and asked relevant questions, including supporting care leavers into training, and further and higher education, schemes to support care leavers to live and thrive in the community, ensuring Corporate Parenting is embedded in other organisations, and helping immigrants and unaccompanied asylum seekers.

Resolved – (a) That Ann-Marie Matson and Rachel Smith be thanked for their attendance; and (b) that the presentation and situation be noted.

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

There were no Added Items due for consideration at the meeting.

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

There were no urgent or additional items for discussion at the meeting.