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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL
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14 February 2023

Chairman: Councillor Trevor Foster

Venue: Conference Room,
Church Square House

Time: 3.00 pm

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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 30 November 2022 and 7 December 2022 as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign. (Pages 1 - 4)
4. Public speaking request (if any).
5. Adoption Services in North Lincolnshire - Discussion with the Director: Children & Families, and colleagues.
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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30 November 2022

PRESENT: - Cllr T Foster (Chairman)

Cllr L Yeadon (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Armiger, Cllr P Clark, Cllr J Longcake, and Cllr C Ross

The meeting was held at the F04e, Church Square House.

109 **SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Cllr Clark substituted for Cllr Wells

110 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS OF WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY).**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests. No whip was declared.

111 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2022 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the panel held on 27 September 2022 be approved as a correct record, and the Chairman be authorised to sign.

112 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST (IF ANY).**

There were no public speaking requests.

113 **NOT IN OUR COMMUNITY - PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HUMBERSIDE**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Jonathan Evison, Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner, and Laura Hodgson, Projects Officer, to the meeting. The Chairman explained that the Commissioner had been invited to provide an update and overview of the ongoing 'Not in Our Community' project, which aimed to protect young people from exploitation and grooming.

The Commissioner gave a detailed presentation on the project, including a number of case study video clips. The presentation covered the available resources, the reach into young people's communities, funding, accessibility, and links into education. It was explained that a new Education Partnership had been established to improve crime education for young people, reduce risk, and prevent them being impacted by criminality, grooming or

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exploitation.

The Panel welcomed the innovative approach, with the Chairman leading a discussion on issues such as the effectiveness of the wider criminal justice system, the involvement of parents and guardians, the size and demographic make-up of the locally engaged cohort, and options for redirecting young people into productive activities. The Commissioner responded fully to these queries, highlighting that he wished to roll out the project further, including engaging with local military veterans.

Resolved – (a) That the Police and Crime Commissioner and Laura Hodgson be thanked for their attendance and informative presentation; and (b) that the Not in Our Community project be welcomed and supported.

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

There was no Added Item for consideration at this meeting.

115 **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 the meeting.

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7 December 2022

PRESENT: - T Foster (Chairman)

Cllr L Yeadon (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Armiger, Cllr J Longcake and Cllr P Clark

The meeting was held at the Room G01e, Church Square House.

116 SUBSTITUTIONS.

Cllr Clark substituted for Cllr Ross

117 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.

118 PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST (IF ANY).

There were no public speaking requests.

119 IMAGINATION LIBRARY - DISCUSSION WITH THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY ENABLEMENT AND COLLEAGUES

The Chairman welcomed Sandra Simmons, Assistant Director, Community Enablement, Emma Wilkinson, Senior Officer – Community and Family Learning, and Katie Carter, Development Office – Community and Family Learning, to the meeting. The Chairman explained that Sandra, Emma and Katie had been invited to provide an update on the Imagination Library in North Lincolnshire, which aimed to improve childhood literacy.

Sandra and her colleagues gave a detailed presentation on the subject, highlighting that North Lincolnshire was the most successful organisation of its kind in the world. The presentation covered the latest data, the impact of the imagination library, the multi-agency work that was underway, feedback from children and young people, and parents and guardians, and the local literacy offer. An overview of some of the books that were available was given to the panel.

The Panel welcomed the success of the Imagination Library within North Lincolnshire, including the beneficial impact on learning and educational outcomes. The Chairman then led a discussion on issues such as how books were chosen, the impact of the pandemic, the type of books for those with SEND, and how North Lincolnshire works to support other councils and

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other organisations. Sandra, Emma and Katie responded appropriately throughout.

Resolved – (a) That Sandra Simmons, Emma Wilkinson, and Katie Carter be thanked for their attendance and their informative presentation; and (b) that the work around the Imagination Library continue to be welcomed and supported.

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

There were no Added Items scheduled for discussion at this meeting.

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

There were no additional or urgent items to be discussed at this meeting.