

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL

29 March 2023

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.

Mr Howsam

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

135 SUBSTITUTIONS.

Cllr P Clark substituted for Cllr R Allcock.

136 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.

137 TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of this panel held on 14 February 2023, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

138 PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST (IF ANY).

There were no public speaking requests.

139 SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS - PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTOR: CHILDREN & FAMILIES, AND SENIOR COLLEAGUES.

The Chairman welcomed Ann-Marie Matson, Director: Children & Families, Paul Cowling, Assistant Director Children's Standards and Regulations, Rachel Smith, Assistant Director - Children's Help & Protection, and Ben Dent, Head of Child Protection, CiC and Care Leavers, to the meeting. The Chairman explained that Ann-Marie, Paul, Rachel and Ben had been invited

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to provide the panel with an overview of the support that is put in place by the council and its partners to assist those leaving care.

Ann-Marie led on the delivery of a detailed presentation on the support, discussing the Local Care Leaver Offer, the context of North Lincolnshire's Corporate Parenting Promise, accommodation, helping care leavers into employment, education or training, and the council's 'Open Door Policy'.

The presentation also covered a number of areas for future development, such as a dedicated app, further improvements to accommodation, and a Corporate Grandparent's Offer.

The Chairman led a discussion on the presentation, with the panel asking questions about the involvement of ex-care leavers in developing the offer, partnership working, responsibilities, and corporate oversight. Officers responded accordingly.

Resolved – (a) That Ann-Marie Matson, Rachel Smith, Ben Dent and Paul Cowling be thanked for the presentation and for responding to the panel's questions; and (b) that the situation be noted.

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

There was no Added Item for discussion at this meeting.

141 **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 due for discussion at the meeting.