

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

3 November 2023

PRESENT: - Cllr T Foster (Chairman)

Cllr L Yeadon (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Armiger, Cllr J Longcake, Cllr C Patterson, Cllr C Ross, and Cllr D Wells

J Mitcheson (Parent Governor Representative)

The meeting was held in room F36, Church Square House.

18 SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no substitutions at this meeting.

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

Cllr Wells declared a personal interest as a school governor.

No whip was declared.

20 TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of this panel held on 13 September 2023, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

21 PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUESTS, IF ANY.

There were no public speaking requests.

22 TEACHER TRAINING (SCITT) - OFSTED INSPECTION OF NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE SCITT PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman welcomed Jemima Flintoff, Assistant Director - Education, to the meeting. The Chairman explained that Jemima had been invited to update members on School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) and the outcomes of a recent Ofsted inspection into the provider.

Jemima provided a verbal presentation on the SCITT programme, which aimed to encourage new teachers into service, through practical, supported

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teaching in a school setting, supported by academic work. Details on mentorship, accreditation, placements, and numbers in training were provided.

The presentation also provided an overview of Ofsted's findings, which rated the programme's quality, leadership, and effectiveness as 'good', with an overall rating, also as 'good'.

The Chairman then led a discussion on the presentation, with the panel asking questions about the assessment process for trainees, the impact on schools, financial payments, the demographic and professional make-up of applicants, and academic specialisms. Jemima responded accordingly, confirming that the majority of those completing their placements stayed within North Lincolnshire. It was also confirmed that the drop-out rate was exceptionally low, and that the service was maintained fully during the pandemic. The panel welcomed the positive impression of the programme, as well as the outcome of the Ofsted inspection.

Resolved – (a) That Jemima Flintoff be thanked for the presentation and for responding to the panel's questions; and (b) that the situation be noted.

23 ADDED ITEM, IF ANY.

There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.

24 ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MUST BE SPECIFIED.

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.