

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL**

**26 April 2022**

**PRESENT:** - Councillor T Foster (Chairman)

Councillor L Yeadon (Vice-Chair), Councillor R Allcock, Councillor M Armiger, Councillor J Longcake, Councillor C Ross and Councillor D Wells

Mr J Mitcheson and Mrs P Whittaker (Parent Governor Representatives)

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

**81      SUBSTITUTIONS.**

There were no substitutions at the meeting.

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

Mrs Whittaker declared a personal interest as a foster carer in North Lincolnshire. No whip was declared.

**83      TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 9 MARCH 2022 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.**

**Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting of this panel held on 9 March 2022, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no public speaking requests.

**85      CMARS ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21**

The Chairman welcomed Chief Supt Darren Wildbore, Humberside Police, Charlotte Morton, North Lincolnshire CCG, Nikki Alcock, Principal Officer – Safeguarding Organisation, Charlene Sykes, Service Lead, and Rachel Smith, Service Lead, North Lincolnshire Council, to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked all witnesses for their attendance and stated that it was good to see all safeguarding lead organisations present. The Chairman then invited Nikki and colleagues to deliver a presentation on the Children's Multi-Agency Resilience and Safeguarding Board's Annual Report 2020/21.

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The presentation covered key highlights and achievements throughout the year, progress against the Board's 'Shine a Light' areas of focus, and planned areas for work in the coming year. Members asked questions of the witnesses, including on children in care, the impact of Covid-19, external scrutiny of safeguarding and social work, assessment and prioritisation, and the impact of changing social conditions. The witnesses answered each question fully and candidly.

**Resolved** – (a) That Chief Supt Wildbore, Nikki Alcock, Charlene Sykes, Rachel Smith, and Charlotte Morton be thanked for their attendance, (b) that the situation be noted; and (c) that a future meeting be arranged with the Director to discuss children's services more generally.

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

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

87 **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.