

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL

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.