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## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

13 September 2023

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

Cllr L Yeadon (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Armiger, Cllr P Clark, Cllr C Patterson and Cllr D Wells.

The meeting was held in S01e, Church Square House.

#### 8 **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Cllr Clark substituted for Cllr Ross.

#### 9 **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.

#### 10 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JULY 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of this panel held on 27 July 2023, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the chairman.

#### 11 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUESTS, IF ANY.**

There were no public speaking requests.

#### 12 **NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2023-24 - DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTOR: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, AND KEY OFFICERS.**

The Chairman welcomed Paul Cowling, Assistant Director Children's Standards and Regulations, Tom Hewis, Head of Provision for Children, and Emma Young, Lead Officer Youth Justice Partnership, to the meeting.

The Chairman explained that Paul, Tom and Emma had been invited to present the North Lincolnshire Youth Justice Plan 2023/24.

Paul and Emma led on the delivery of a detailed presentation on the Plan, including discussion of local context and background, vision and values, progress on the plan's delivery, and areas for further development.

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The presentation also covered local performance, highlighting that North Lincolnshire has a low, and reducing, number of children as 'first entrants' into the criminal justice system. Other performance measures were highlighted, along with governance structures, and priorities for the year.

The Chairman led a discussion on the presentation, with the panel asking questions about county lines criminality, innovation, working with schools and colleges, and links with mental health. Officers responded accordingly.

**Resolved** – (a) That Paul Cowling, Emma Young and Tom Hewis be thanked for the presentation and for responding to the panel's questions; and (b) that the situation be noted.

13 **ADDED ITEM, IF ANY.**

There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.

14 **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.