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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL

9 March 2022

PRESENT: - T Foster (Chairman)

T Foster (Chairman), L Yeadon (Vice-Chair), R Ogg, M Armiger, J Longcake and P Clark

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

74 **SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Cllr Ogg substituted for Cllr Wells and Cllr Clark substituted for Cllr Allcock.

75 **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 declared at the meeting. No whip was declared.

76 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2021 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.**

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of this panel held on 4 November 2021, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no requests received.

78 **NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY AUDIT - PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH THE HEAD OF STANDARDS AND EFFECTIVENESS**

The Chairman welcomed Jemima Flintoff, Head of Standards and Effectiveness, and Nicola Raines, Early Years Sufficiency Manager, to the meeting. The Chairman explained that Jemima and Nicola had been invited to give the Panel an overview of the North Lincolnshire Childcare Sufficiency Audit.

Jemima and Nicola gave a presentation on local childcare provision, including

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local performance. It was noted that the large majority of two, three, and four year olds were provided with funded early education, and that local performance was better than national averages. Almost all children received early education in an Ofsted registered setting that had good or better inspection results. Further performance information was provided.

Members discussed the service with Jemima and Nicola, asking questions about issues such as Covid recovery, co-ordination with Health Visitors, the Proud to Care Campaign, and the tracking of children's progress.

Resolved – (a) That Jemima Flintoff and Nicola Raines be thanked for their attendance and for answering members' questions, and (b) that the situation be noted.

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

There were no Added Items for discussion at the meeting.

80 **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MUST BE SPECIFIED.**

There was no urgent or additional business for consideration at the meeting.