

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 24 June 2024

PRESENT – Councillors Allen, Crudass, Garner, Johnson, Layton, Storr and Toms.

APOLOGIES – Councillors Ali and Renton, John Armitage and Sally Hudson.

ABSENT – Councillors Dulston.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Wallis.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Chris Bell (Assistant Director of Children's Services) and Tony Murphy (Assistant Director Education and Inclusion).

CYP1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/2025

RESOLVED – That Councillor Allen be appointed as Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

CYP2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/2025

RESOLVED – That Councillor Layton be appointed as Vice-Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

CYP3 TO CONSIDER THE TIMES OF MEETINGS OF THIS COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/2025 ON THE DATES AGREED IN THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS BY CABINET AT MINUTE C106/FEB/24

RESOLVED – That meetings of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2024/25, be held at 9.30 a.m. on the dates, as agreed on the calendar of meetings by Cabinet at Minute C106/Feb/24.

CYP4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

CYP5 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 APRIL 2024

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 15 April 2024.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 15 April 2024 be approved as a correct record.

CYP6 WORK PROGRAMME 2024-2025

The Group Director of Operations submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to this Scrutiny Committee's work programme and to consider any

additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be included in the previously approved work programme.

Members proposed the Transitional Service Update, SEND Policy Review, Transport Review, and Autism Review be added to the Work Programme. Discussion ensued around adding further items these included Calm in Communities for quieter times in restaurants for parents with SEND children. Another proposed item was around the Council's website and how it can promote what is going on in Darlington for children and young people.

Members proposed a report on Home Education, how the number of children educated at home has increased and how do parents receive support for this. Members wanted to understand how parents are supposed to support uniform alterations and purchasing additional equipment that might be required for the academic year.

Discussion ensued around Key Performance Indicators, Members wanted to clarify how to review and scrutinize KPIS's. Members spoke about the Gap Analysis and measures of KPIS's should be one of the main focuses when reviewing them. Further discussion ensued around organising a training session for Education and Children and Young Peoples KPI's for members of Scrutiny to get a better understanding.

A discussion was held around inviting care leavers and children in care to the Scrutiny meetings to allow the opportunity to give their own views and ask questions. Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel encouraged other Scrutiny Members to come along to these meetings.

RESOLVED – That the work programme be noted.