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Minutes of the **MEETING of the CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose on Thursday, 22nd February, 2018 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Mr E Baines
Mr J Dale
Mrs L Stephenson

Mr K Bool
Mr M Oxley

APOLOGIES:

Mr B Callaghan
Mrs L Youngman

Mr A Menzies

**OFFICERS
PRESENT:**

Mr M Andrews
Ms G Curtis
Ms R Wilshire
Ms T Crowson
Mr C Thomas
Ms S Hickman
Ms D Greaves
Mr K Silcock

Deputy Director for People
Head of Learning and Skills
Head of Children Social Care
Senior Public Health Manager
Sports Development Manager
Early Years Foundation Stage Advisor
Finance Manager
Governance Officer

IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr D Wilby

Mr N Begy
Miss G Waller

Portfolio Holder for Lifelong Learning,
Early Years, Special Educational
Needs & Disabilities, Inclusion
Ward Member for Greetham
Ward Member for Normanton

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NOMINATION OF CHAIR

Nominations were invited for a Member to Chair the meeting.

Mr Oxley nominated Mrs Stephenson, this was seconded by Mr Bool.

No further nominations were received.

Mrs Stephenson took the Chair.

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629 RECORD OF MEETING

The Record of the Meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel held on 23 November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

630 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i. Mrs Stephenson declared a personal interest in that she was a teacher at Leighfield Primary School.

631 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, deputations or questions had been received.

632 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No questions with notice had been received from Members.

633 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No notices of motion had been received from Members.

634 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

No matter had been referred to the Panel for a decision in relation to call-in of a decision in accordance with Procedure Rule 206.

635 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT 2017-18

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Miss Waller commended Casterton College for their Progress 8 score.
- ii. Key Stage 1 performance scores were lower than the national average, however the figures were nine months old and attention had been placed by the learning service on to the schools that had not performed well.
- iii. Miss Waller noted she had submitted questions in advance and had received a response, and asked that they be included in the minutes.

AGREED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

636 QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2017-18

The report was taken without debate.

AGREED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

637 SPOTLIGHT - CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Mr Begy introduced the presentation, the purpose of which was to give an overview of the physical health of children and young people in Rutland schools and early years. Please find the presentation attached with the minutes.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The number of children that begin school at an unhealthy weight had increased.
- ii. Mr Oxley noted that a lot more children stay inside at home and not burning off the calories from eating.
- iii. Most children attend an early year's provider, and all providers would have reasonable outdoor areas.
- iv. Mr Oxley noted that the Rutland Morris Men were looking for volunteers, and that they went to schools to teach their dance. The Morris Men were keen to get involved with anything to do with community dance.
- v. The Spotlight Dance Festival would start Sunday 25 March 2018 with the Community Show, the Secondary school show would take place on Monday 26 March 2018, and the Primary School shows were on Wednesday 28th, and Thursday 29th March 2018.
- vi. It was suggested that there should be promotion for active travel, in which parents drop off their kids further away from the school so that they could be walked in.
- vii. Mrs Curtis requested that any further suggestions be sent to her direct gcurtis@rutland.gov.uk

638 CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT REPORT 2016-2017

Mr Wilby, Portfolio Holder for Lifelong Learning, Early Years, Special Educational Needs & Disabilities, and Inclusion, introduced the report, the purpose of which was to provide the Panel with assurance that there is currently sufficient childcare to meet the requirements of parents and carers and that the Learning and Skills Service is undertaking a range of planned activities to manage the market and maintain capacity within the system.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was noted that there was now a completed Childcare Sufficiency and Early Education Action Plan, this would be provided to send out alongside the minutes.
- ii. It was suggested that child minding in Rutland could be promoted at the Parish Council Forum, with the next forum being on 16 April 2018.
- iii. It was noted that the eligibility for parents to receive 30 hours of free childcare provision was needed to be made clearer. This website has clearer information
- iv. Holiday clubs often started and finished at time that were not suitable for all working parents.
- v. The cost of childcare for a single parent with more than one child could be cost prohibitive.

AGREED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

639 INCREASE FOSTERING FEE FOR SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CHILD

Mr Wilby, Portfolio Holder for Lifelong Learning, Early Years, Special Educational Needs & Disabilities, and Inclusion, introduced the report, the purpose of which was to gather views and feedback on the proposal to increase the fostering fee, for second and subsequent children.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was noted that the majority of foster carers were qualified at Level 2, the Council was looking to offer carers to progress to a Level 3 qualification.
- ii. It was clarified that a connected carer was a family member or family friend of the child.
- iii. It was noted there had been increase of enquires in becoming foster carers, there are six assessments in progress.
- iv. There was a foster carers support group monthly, and a Christmas party for children looked after as well as birth children of foster carers and this we are also doing a summer event.

AGREED

That the Panel **RECOMMENDED** Cabinet support the change of fee. The report would be considered by Cabinet as part of the Foster Carers – Recruitment & Retention Policy.

640 EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY CONTRACT PROVISION

AGREED

That the Panel noted the report.

641 SAFEGUARDING THROUGH EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

Ms Curtis noted that her team were working on a new Safeguarding Through Education report. It was asked that this be brought to the Scrutiny Panel as an audit report.

AGREED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

642 SCRUTINY PROGRAMME 2017/18 & REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

No discussion took place on the item.

643 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no other urgent business.

644 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19 April 2018 at 7pm

Items to include: Safeguarding Through Education Audit

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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