

## CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

<b>DATE</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Tracking the Recommendations of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel
<b>STATUS</b>	Open

### CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNCIL PLAN/STRATEGIC AIMS

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the Council and its key partnerships. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore is integral to the delivery of the Council Plan.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The scrutiny panels have adopted a template in order to track their recommendations.

### MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed, so that they can be removed from the table.

## 1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 Each scrutiny panel has a standard agenda item so that they can check progress against the recommendations they have previously made.
- 1.2 Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed, so that they can be removed from the table. It would also be effective to sign off any recommendations that have not been completed but which are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources, or where priorities have changed.
- 1.3 Appendix A of this report contains the recommendations previously made by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.

## **2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- 2.1 Risk assessments will already have been carried out on the reports that these recommendations have come from.
- 2.2 Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

## **3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 3.1 Not applicable to this report.

## **4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 The panel's tracking report demonstrates that the panel monitors progress on its recommendations and required actions. This report further demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

## **5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial considerations included within this report, beyond scrutiny's enhanced role in monitoring delivery of the council's budget and medium term financial plan.

## **6. IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

- 6.1 There are no impacts on children and young people as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come from will have been assessed for any such impact.

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include children and young people implications by the author(s) concerned.

## **7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come from will have been assessed for impact.

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

## **6 MONITORING COMMENTS**

- 6.1 In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result, no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (legal), Section 151 Officer (finance) or the Strategic Workforce Lead (human resources).

## **7. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Potentially impacts on all wards.

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 Minutes from the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel -  
<https://democracy.nelincs.gov.uk/meetings/>

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## TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	<p><b>SPCLL.9 2021/22 PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL OUTTURN REPORT</b></p> <p>RESOLVED - That children's education and social care out of area figures be broken down and circulated to members of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.</p>	Assistant Director Education & Inclusion	Update 19.1.23 - Ms. Spencer advised that officers were still validating the data, and this was a big piece of work. Ms. Spencer was pleased to report that by the end of January every young person would have been tracked and reviewed.
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	<p><b>SPCLL.12 SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) UPDATE</b></p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Assistant Director for Education and Inclusion consider a focus on a Joint Workshop with Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel to look at the whole family approach which contributes to the early help and prevention agenda.</p>	Assistant Director Education and Inclusion	<p>Officers are awaiting the outcome of the start for life submission, following which a joint workshop will be convened to consider how the findings of the CYP JSNA can shape and inform the direction of Early Help and Prevention and the Start for life Programme.</p> <p>Update 19.1.23 - The start for life submission had now been made and they were awaiting the</p>

			outcome of the bid before the workshop could be organised.
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	<p><b>SPCLL.42 CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW</b></p> <p>RESOLVED – That recent GCSE data be added to the work programme for consideration at the next meeting of this panel.</p>	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor	Update on 12.12.22: GCSE results not yet verified by DFE data will be available for meeting of this panel in March 2023.
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<p><b>SPCLL.51 CHILDRENS SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT UPDATE</b></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That relative comparison data with the Yorkshire and Humber Region be reported to a future panel.</p>	Director of Children's Services	Information to be provided within future improvement report to this panel.
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<p><b>SPCLL.54 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD</b></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the panel receive a further update in 6 months' time on developments with the safeguarding children's arrangements in North East Lincolnshire.</p> <p>That the topic of safeguarding children's arrangements be added to the panel's work programme.</p>	<p>Chair of SCP Board/Scrutiny and Committee Advisor</p> <p>Scrutiny and Committee Advisor</p>	<p>To be received at the meeting of this panel in July 2023 (date to be confirmed at Council AGM).</p> <p>Update: Added to Work Programme and will be taken forward in the next Municipal Year.</p>