



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on the 20th March 2025.

CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

6th March 2025 at 4.30pm

Present:

Councillor Silvester (in the Chair)

Councillors Boyd, Clough, Crofts (substitute for K Swinburn), Downes, Goodwin, Lindley and Patrick

Co-opted Member: Ian Robinson (Church of England)

Officers in attendance:

- Michelle McMahon (Head of the Virtual School)
- Beverly O'Brien (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Jennifer Steel (Service Director – Education, Inclusion and Integration)
- Joseph White (Agency Head of Pupil Support)

Others in attendance:

- Councillor Cracknell (Portfolio Holder for Children and Education)

There were no members of the press in attendance and one member of the public in attendance.

SPCLL.73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillors Cairns and K. Swinburn.

SPCLL.74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

SPCLL.75 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 16th January 2025 be agreed as a correct record.

SPCLL.76 QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public for this meeting.

SPCLL.77 FORWARD PLAN

The panel received the current forward plan with a view to identifying any items for examination by this panel via the pre-decision call-in procedure.

RESOLVED – That the forward plan be noted.

SPCLL.78 TRACKING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY

The panel considered a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer tracking the recommendations of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED –

**SPCLL.79 FINANCE AND COUNCIL PLAN MONITORING REPORT
QUARTER 3**

The panel received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the Council Plan Performance Report for quarter three of 2024/25

RESOLVED –

SPCLL.80 MAINTAINED NURSERIES AND DAYCARE PROVISIONS

The panel received a report from the Director of Children's Services on the maintained Nurseries and Daycare Provision.

RESOLVED –

SPCLL.81 CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY

The panel received a report from the from the Director of Children's Service providing the panel with an update on the performance and implementation of the transformation programme that will deliver the Improvement Plan

RESOLVED –

SPCLL.82 ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

The panel received a report from the Service Director for Education, Inclusion & Integration on Alternative Provision

RESOLVED –

SPCLL.83 EDUCATION OUTCOMES 2023-24

The panel received a report from the Service Director for Education, Inclusion & Integration on Education Outcomes for 2023-24

RESOLVED –

SPCLL.84 CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL - WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW 2024/25 AND WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

The panel received a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer which reflects on the 2024/25 municipal year and the work undertaken by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel. The panel will also consider, within its terms of reference, suggestions to be included in the 2025/26 work programme.

RESOLVED –

SPCLL.85 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

There were no questions for the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education at this meeting.

SPCLL.86 CALLING IN OF DECISIONS

There were no formal requests from Members of this panel to call in decisions of recent Cabinet and Portfolio Holder meetings.

SPCLL.87 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That the public and press be excluded for the following item on the grounds that discussion of the following business was likely to disclose confidential information within paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 172 (as amended).

SPCLL.88 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT

The panel were provided with an opportunity to discuss any confidential matters of concern with the Director of Children's Services and to consider the risk register in correspondence to the Improvement Journey.

RESOLVED – That the matters of concern be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.14 p.m.