

CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL AGENDA

**for the meeting on Thursday 13th November 2025
at 4.30 p.m. in Grimsby Town Hall**

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> To record any apologies for absence.	-
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> To record any declarations of interest by any Member of the Panel in respect of items on this agenda. Members declaring interests must identify the agenda item and the type and detail of the interest declared.	-
3.	<u>Minutes</u> To approve the minutes of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel meeting on 4th September 2025, special joint meeting of the Communities and Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel on 8th September 2025 and special joint meeting of the Children and Lifelong Learning and Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel on 11th September 2025 (copy attached). Legislation (LG Act 1972) still provides that: <i>Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of a local authority shall, subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, be drawn up and entered in a book kept for that purpose and shall be signed at the same or next [suitable] meeting of the authority by the person presiding thereat, and any minute purporting to be so signed shall be received in evidence without further proof.</i>	9
4.	<u>Question Time</u> To invite members of the public to put questions to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel. To ensure a satisfactory response, members of the public are requested to give at least 5 working days' notice of any question they may have, in writing, to Democratic Services.	-
5.	<u>Forward Plan</u> To consider the current forward plan and to identify any items for examination by this panel via the pre-decision call-in procedure. Members should refer to the forward plan electronically in advance of the meeting. Please see the attached link to the latest forward plan: Forward Plan	-

6.	<u>Tracking the recommendations of scrutiny</u> To receive a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer tracking the recommendations of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel (copy attached).	23
7.	<u>2025/26 Quarter two Council Plan Resources and Finance Performance Report</u> To consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing information and analysis of the Council's financial performance during the second quarter of 2025/26. Please note this report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 12th November 2025 and was referred to all scrutiny panels (copy attached).	27
8.	<u>Maintained Nurseries and Day Care Provision</u> To receive a briefing note from the Director of Children Services on the Maintained Nurseries and Day Care Provision (copy attached).	165
9.	<u>North East Lincolnshire Adoption</u> To receive a report from the Director of Children Services on the adoption service in NELC, including the performance and membership of the Regional adoption agency One Adoption North and Humber (copy attached).	167
10.	<u>Children in Care and performance update</u> To receive a report from the Director of Children Services on the ongoing progress that we continue to make with regards to children in our care (copy attached).	173
11.	<u>Elective Home Education Strategy</u> To receive a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education on the North East Lincolnshire Elective Home Education Strategy (copy to follow).	
12.	<u>Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel 2025/26 – Work Programme Review</u> To receive a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer providing panel members with the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the panel's work programme at the half-year stage and provide a formal opportunity for the panel to update its work programme (copy attached).	177

13.	<u>Calling in of Decisions</u> To consider any formal requests from Members of this Panel to call in decisions of recent Cabinet and Portfolio Holder meetings.	-
14.	<u>Urgent Business</u> To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chair, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.	-
15.	<u>Exclusion of Press and Public</u> To consider requesting the press and public to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).	-
16.	<u>Children's Social Care Improvement</u> To provide an opportunity, at the close of this meeting, to discuss any confidential matters of concern with the Director of Children's Services.	-

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