CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL AGENDA

for the meeting on Thursday 26th November 2026 at 5.30 p.m. in Grimsby Town Hall

1.	**Apologies for Absence** To record any apologies for absence.	**-**
2.	**Declarations of Interest** 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.	**Minutes** To approve the minutes of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel meeting on 10th September 2026 (copy attached)	**7**
4.	**Question Time** 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.	**Forward Plan** 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.	**Tracking the recommendations of scrutiny** To receive a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer tracking the recommendations of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel (copy attached).	**15**

7.	**2026/27 Council Plan Performance and Finance Report - Quarter Two** To receive a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing information and analysis of the Council's performance and financial position at the end of Quarter two 2026-27 July to September 2026 (copy attached). Please note this report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 11th November 2026 and was referred to all scrutiny panels.	**21**
8.	**Children's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing** To receive a report outlining the whole-system approach to children's mental health and emotional wellbeing across North East Lincolnshire, highlighting the local offer and progress. The report identifies key challenges faced by the system and informs Scrutiny of access, outcomes and coordinated improvement (copy attached)	**159**
9.	**Alternative Provision** To receive a report updating Scrutiny of project progress following Cabinet approval to commence in June 2025, and to provide an update on the findings and direction of travel for alternative provision (copy attached)	**169**
10.	**Foster Friendly Borough** To receive a report seeking scrutiny's consideration of a proposal to develop North East Lincolnshire as the UK's first formally recognised Foster Friendly Borough (copy attached)	**175**
11.	**Work Programme (6 monthly review)** 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).	**179**
12.	**Questions to Portfolio Holder** To consider any panel members' questions to the Portfolio Holder. **To ensure a satisfactory response, members are requested to give three clear working days' notice of any question they may have, in writing, to Democratic Services.**	**-**
13.	**Calling in of Decisions** To consider any formal requests from Members of this Panel to call in decisions of recent Cabinet and Portfolio Holder meetings.	**-**
14.	**Urgent Business**	**-**

	To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chair, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.	

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