

## CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
REPORT OF	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tracking the Recommendations of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel
STATUS	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 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 - <http://www.nelincs.gov.uk/committees/>

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

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
30.1.20	<p><b><u>SPCLL.48 - SEND INSPECTION WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ACTION – PROGRESS UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>Regular updates on the SEND inspection written statement of action be submitted to this panel.</p>	Director of Children’s Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update: to be kept on the tracking report as a reminder for updates throughout the year.</li> </ul>
30.1.20	<p><b><u>SPCLL.49 CALL IN OF THE NEW APPROACH TO THE SUPPORT AND SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS</u></b></p> <p>An update on progress with the new approach be received at a future meeting of this panel to ensure that outcomes for the children and young people were being met.</p>	Director of Children’s Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update: To be included in the work programme for 2020/21.</li> </ul>
19.11.20	<p><b><u>SPCLL.36 ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION BRIEFING NOTE</u></b></p> <p>That the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People drafts a letter with Officers to ask for a review to allow North East Lincolnshire Council to intervene in Elective Home Education scenarios.</p>	Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People	Letter currently being drafted.

19.11.20	<p><b><u>SPCLL.37 YOUTH VOICE AND INFLUENCE UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>That with the support of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel the Voice and Influence Coordinator email all Ward Councillors throughout North East Lincolnshire to see whether they would like to donate any spare ward funding to the Youth Voice and Influence Group to help them to carry on implementing their campaigns.</p>	Voice and Influence Coordinator	The Voice and Influence Coordinator confirmed that they had received three responses from Elected Members who had offered funds to Voice and Influence projects.
19.11.20	<p><b><u>SPCLL.38 CHILDREN'S ORAL HYGIENE AND DENTISTRY</u></b></p> <p>1) That the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People write a letter to all primary schools in North East Lincolnshire to consider incorporating oral hygiene into their curriculum.</p> <p>2) That the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel receive an update on Children's Oral Health every 6 months.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People</p> <p>Scrutiny and Committee Advisor</p>	<p>Letter currently being drafted.</p> <p>To be included in the work programme for 2021/22.</p>

## Appendix A

### TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS –

#### Autism Spectrum Conditions Diagnosis Pathway Working Group

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>PROGRESS/COMMENTS</b>
	<b>Updated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>
Plans for a new proposed single access pathway for ASC from March 2018 continue to be developed, quality assured and implemented	The Interim Project lead has now commenced in post and has started to work with parent, carers and stakeholders to co-produce the model, whilst taking into account the recommendations made by the SEND Peer Review, the transformation in Early Help and NICE guidelines. The new model will reflect the work towards the new approach and also models of good practice from other areas which are based neurodevelopmental pathways for example ASD or ADHD.
Evidence based future scrutiny of provision for support and diagnosis for ASC and other related conditions include SMART targets, key performance indicators, benchmarks etc. to ensure that outcomes are being met. Parents should contribute to the evaluation of services.	This will form part of on-going evaluation, additionally the Interim Project lead is planning an evaluation exercise with 12 families who have experience of the Access Pathway to inform the new model.
Plan immediately to provide support and (if appropriate) diagnosis for those families who feel they have not been helped in recent years and to date and provide a report for the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel to include details on the resource implications.	Access Pathway Coordinator and Interim Project lead in post
Consideration be given to rationalising or limiting the number of parenting courses prescribed to a single family. Report to Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.	Family hubs have re-designed the parenting offer and approach.