

CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	16 th November 2023
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. 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
21.07.22	<p>SPCLL.12 SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) UPDATE</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>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	<p>Update: Members were happy with the update they received on the new family approach and the service and support delivered by the Family Hub sites.</p> <p>A copy of the minutes and the reports the panel received on these items were sent to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel on 26th October 2023.</p>
20.07.23	<p>SPC. 4 FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the update be noted and the Skills Strategy and Action Plan be reviewed in 6 months' time.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Update: this has been added into the panel's work programme and a joint meeting with the Economy Scrutiny Panel will be convened at the appropriate time.
21.09.23	<p>SPCLL.26 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES & FINANCE REPORT - QUARTER 1 2023/24</p> <p>RESOLVED – That separate workshops on the current Fostering Service and Commissioning Service be arranged for all Members on the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	

21.09.23	<p>SPCLL.27 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT UPDATE</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Children Services governance structure be sent to all Members of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	An email was sent to all panel members on 8 th November 2023.
21.09.23	<p>SPCLL.28 TEAM AROUND THE FAMILY</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel receive performance feedback and statistics on the Team Around the Family approach in 12 months' time.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	To be added to the panels work programme for 2024-25.
21.09.23	<p>SPCLL.29 FAMILY HUBS</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel receive a report on the Family Hubs performance in 6 months time.</p> <p>That the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel write to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel informing them of the update they have received and how the panel will be receiving another update on performance in 6 months time.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	<p>That the performance report be added the panels work programme for 2024-25.</p> <p>Emailed to Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel on 26th October 2023.</p>
21.09.23	<p>SPCLL.30 CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY COVER REPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED - That a copy of the Corporate Parenting Strategy be placed in all Elected Members Group room for information.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	A copy of the strategy was put in each group room on 12 th October 2023.

27.09.23	SPCLL.37 NURSERY PROVISION RESOLVED – That a standing agenda item be added to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny panels agenda to allow the panel to receive regular updates on the three nursery provisions.	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Completed.