

CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	21 st September 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	This item is on hold pending the outcome of consideration of the family approach on the agenda for this meeting
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.
20.07.23	<p>SPCLL.8 PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2022/23</p> <p>RESOLVED - That a special meeting of this panel be convened look at the nursey closures in its entirety in terms of how this came about in the first instance and including revenue implications, future sustainability of nurseries and the wider public interest and that this be an open public meeting to be convened as soon as possible.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Update: a meeting date has been arranged for 27 th September 2023

20.07.23	SPCLL. 9 QUARTER 4 COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022/23 RESOLVED - That further information be provided to this panel on a breakdown of the percentage of children and young people receiving treatment by NHS funded community services and the narrative around this to this panel.	Assistant Director Families, Mental Health and Disabilities	Update: email circulated to panel on 4.09.23.
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