



Briefing Note: Update to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel on the Maintained Nurseries and Daycare Provision

January 2024

This briefing note provides an update on the maintained nurseries and daycare provision (Scartho Nursery School, Great Coates Village Nursery School and Reynolds Daycare) to be presented to the Children and Life Long Learning Scrutiny Panel, in January 2024.

Following the report presented to panel on 27 September 2023 and verbal update to panel on 16 November 2023, the nurseries and daycare provision have continued to work towards their action plans and business recovery plans in seeking to improve viability and sustainability of the settings.

The settings are currently being supported and advised by the LA's transformation delivery manager and officers from finance, legal, People and Culture (HR) and education teams.

In addition, supportive line-management of the setting headteacher/ manager has been put in place provided by Heads of Service from the LA's Education and Inclusion team, to ensure that the leaders have a designated contact for support, advice, guidance and wellbeing.

A robust quality assurance system is embedded, with clear processes in place to monitor and review the impact of the actions plans via a series of meetings with elected members, LA officers and setting leaders.

The next round of meetings to review the business recovery plans takes place on the following dates:

- Reynolds Daycare – 17 January 2024
- Great Coates Village Nursery and Scartho Nursery School (joint meeting) – 26 January 2024

Final business recovery plans will be presented to Cabinet in Spring 2024.

Contact Officers

Ann-Marie Matson Director of Children's Services

Sally Jack, Assistant Director Education and Inclusion