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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2018

Yolande Myers

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Chair

Councillor Cahal Burke

Councillors Attended

Councillor Donna Bellamy

Councillor Lisa Holmes

Councillor Darren O'Donovan

Councillor Sheikh Ullah

Co-optees

Dale O'Neill

Attendees

Cllr Viv Kendrick, Cabinet Member for Children

Elaine McShane, Service Director, Children & Families

Steve Comb, Head of Corporate Parenting

Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director, Learning & Early Support

Christine Bennett, Practice Improvement Lead, Family Support & Child Protection

Apologies

Councillor Edgar Holroyd-Doveton

1 Membership of the Committee

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Edgar Holroyd-Doveton.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 September 2018.

The Minutes of the Panel meeting held on 11 June 2018 were presented and approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

The meeting was held in public session.

5 Draft Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017-18

Members of the Panel will consider the draft Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017-18.

Sheila Lock, Independent Chair, Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board, to present

Members of the Panel agreed

- 1) That Sheila Lock be thanked for her attendance at the meeting.
 - 2) That the content of the draft report be noted.
 - 3) That the addendum to the report which outlines the work with partnership agencies be circulated to members of the Panel.
 - 4) That Sheila Lock return to the Panel meeting on 1 April 2019 to outline reflections on the lessons learned around Child Sexual Exploitation and to provide assurances that the current practice and strategy is fit for purpose.
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6 Children's Services 10 Point Improvement Plan

Members of the Panel will consider a report which provides an update on progress towards delivering the actions and improvements to Kirklees Children's Social Care set out in the 10 Point Improvement plan, alongside a refreshed plan for information.

Officer: Elaine McShane, Service Director Family Support and Child Protection.

Members of the Panel agreed

- 1) Elaine McShane be thanked for her attendance at the meeting.
 - 2) That the Panel note the commitment and contribution of staff in improving services.
 - 3) That the Panel continue to monitor the progress of Children's Services
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7 Children's Disability Service Update

Members of the Panel will consider a report which provides an overview of the work that has been undertaken in response to improving the quality of practice, and the safeguarding of children and young people with additional needs including those with a disability.

Officer: Elaine McShane, Service Director Family Support and Child Protection.

Members of the Panel agreed

- 1) That Christine Bennett be thanked for her attendance at the meeting.
 - 2) That the Panel note the improvements to the Children's Disability Service.
 - 3) That the Panel will continue to monitor the progress of the Children's Disability Service.
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8 Children's Scrutiny Panel Work Programme

Members of the panel will consider the future meeting dates.

Officer: Yolande Myers, Governance and Engagement Officer.

Children's Scrutiny Panel Work Programme

Members of the Panel agreed to receive a copy of the work programme via e-mail.

Members of the Panel noted that the next Panel meeting was scheduled for 10am on Monday 3rd December 2018.