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## **Decision Summary**

**Committee:**

**Date:**

**Committee Clerk:**

**TEL:**

**CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL**

**FRIDAY 19 JULY 2019**

**Helen Kilroy**

**01484 221000**

### **Chair**

Councillor Andrew Marchington

### **Councillors Attended**

Councillor Paul Davies

Councillor Amanda Pinnock

Councillor Richard Smith

Councillor Paul White

### **Co-optees**

Toni Bromley, Dale O'Neill and Linda Summers

### **Attendees**

Steve Comb

Elaine McShane

Jo-Anne Sanders

Harkireet Sohel

### **Observers**

Councillor Viv Kendrick

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## **1 Membership of the Committee**

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

No apologies for absence were received.

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## **2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2019.

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April 2019 be agreed.

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## **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.

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## **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.

All items were considered in public session.

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## **5 Public Question Time**

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

No questions from the public were received.

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## **6 Number of Children in Care**

The Panel will consider the latest data showing the number of children in care.

Contact Officer: Steve Comb, Head of Corporate Parenting

- (1) The Panel noted the report on the Number of Children in Care showing the latest data and thanked Steve Comb and Elaine McShane for their contributions.
  - (2) That the figures for data for children looked after age and gender breakdown be checked for accuracy and an update be provided at the next meeting of the Panel.
  - (3) That the Panel consider educational outcomes and stability for looked after children as part of the work programme for 2019/20.
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## **7 The Educational Landscape in Kirklees**

The Panel will consider a report providing an overview of the educational landscape in Summer 2019 with a focus on attendance, exclusion and an update on the Kirklees Learning Strategy.

Contact Officer: Harkireet Sohel, Head of Educational Outcomes for Young People

- (1) The Panel noted the report on the educational landscape in Kirklees and thanked Harkireet Sohel and Jo-Anne Sanders for their contributions.
  - (2) That Officers plan visits to settings and meetings with senior leaders within schools, so that the work around reducing exclusions is communicated clearly.
  - (3) That the Panel consider a future report which analyses data on attendance and exclusions to assure the Panel that progress on reducing exclusions was robust.
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## **8 Children's Scrutiny Panel Work Programme and agenda plan for 2019/20**

Members of the panel will consider the work programme and agenda plan for the 2019/20 and will consider issues for inclusion.

Officer: Helen Kilroy, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

- (1) That the 2019/20 Agenda Plan for the Children's Scrutiny Panel be noted and updated as agreed.
  - (2) That the Governance Officer be authorised to liaise with officers on agreed actions.
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