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## **Decision Summary**

**Committee:**

**Date:**

**Committee Clerk:**

**TEL:**

**CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL  
MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Richard Dunne**

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### **Chair**

Councillor Andrew Marchington

### **Councillors Attended**

Councillor Paul Davies

Councillor Amanda Pinnock

Councillor Richard Smith

Councillor Paul White

### **Co-optees**

Dale O'Neill and Linda Summers

### **Attendees**

Mandy Cameron

Steve Comb

Sheila Lock

Jo-Anne Sanders

Ronnie Hartley

### **Observers**

Councillor Viv Kendrick

### **Apologies**

Toni Bromley (Co-Optee)

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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.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Toni Bromley Co-optee.

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

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 2019.

Subject to the following amendment that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 2019 be approved.

Apologies for absence were received from Linda Summers Co-optee.

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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.

Councillor Paul White declared an interest in item 6 (SENDACT Action Plan – Progress Report) on the grounds that his wife was chair of a multi academy trust that included Castle Hill Academy.

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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 taken in public session.

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## **5 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

That the report outlining the number and age of children in care be received and noted.

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## **6 SENDACT Action Plan - Progress Report**

The report will provide the Panel with a further update in relation to the recommendations made by Scrutiny in relation to SENDACT.

Contact Officer: Mandy Cameron – Head of Service (Education, Safeguarding and Inclusion))

- (1) That the panel would wish to see greater clarification in the timescales outlined in the SENDACT action plan.
  - (2) That the panel would wish to see that the voice of young people is captured and reflected in the work of SENDACT.
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## **7 Kirklees Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements**

A presentation will be given to the Panel in respect of Kirklees Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements.

Contact: Sheila Lock – Independent Chair, Children and Families

- (1) That the panel acknowledge the need to continue to focus and promote openness and transparency in safeguarding matters and will investigate the effectiveness of this approach.
  - (2) That the panel will consider further its role in supporting and challenging the work of safeguarding partnerships in helping to reduce the risks to young people.
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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 verbal update on Almondbury Community School be noted.
  - (2) That progress of the work programme and agenda plan for 2019/20 be noted.
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