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## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday 11th April 2016**

Present: Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner (Chair)  
Councillor Cahal Burke  
Councillor David Hall  
Councillor Carole Pattison

In attendance: Cllr Erin Hill – Cabinet Portfolio Holder  
Adrian Lythgo, Chief Executive  
Sarah Callaghan, Director of Children and Young People Services  
Carl Whistlecraft – Head of Governance and Democratic Services

**104 Membership of Committee**

All Members were present at the meeting.

**105 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**106 Request to Establish Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee received information from Councillor Hill and Adrian Lythgo in respect of work taking place to consider and progress issues related to Children's Services. This has involved the creation of a Children's Development Board which will focus on the following areas of priority:

- \* The provision of high quality services.
- \* Improving practice standards
- \* Performance management and intelligence

A copy of the Board's terms of reference was shared with Management Committee. Adrian Lythgo explained the benefits of ensuring a robust and transparent approach and the importance of Overview and Scrutiny being effectively involved in the work as it develops. Management Committee received information on the areas that could form the areas of focus as part of the Overview and Scrutiny role and the wider governance arrangements.

In consideration of the information Management Committee acknowledged the need for effective Overview and Scrutiny arrangements to be put in place. This should involve:

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- \* Consideration of the developing work programme of the Children's Development Board;
- \* Challenging the work of the Board and contributing ideas;
- \* Assisting the portfolio holders for Children's Services in providing councillor input into the Board's work programme;
- \* Considering the synergies with the Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP) approach.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That an Ad Hoc Panel be established on a 1:1:1:1 ratio, comprised of members with experience of children's services issues.
- (2) That nominees for the Ad Hoc Panel be sought from Group Business Managers.

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### **Date of Next Meeting**

Agreed that the next meeting be held on 25 April 2016.