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Date: 29 May 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** to be held in **COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, MORPETH, NE61 2EF**, on **THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2019 AT 10.00 AM**.

Yours faithfully,

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Family and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: Renner-Thompson G (Chair), Campbell D, Cessford T, Dickinson S, Dunn L, Lang J, Stewart G, Stow K, Swinburn M, Wallace R

Co-opted Members: Hodgson A, Lennox D, Warner J, Lyst R, Payne S, Sanderson J, Woolhouse R

Cabinet Members:

Councillor W Daley - Deputy Leader & Children's Services



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AGENDA

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public

1. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

To note the membership and terms of reference of the Family and Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee as agreed at Council on Wednesday 1 May 2019.

19 Members

10 County Councillors (5:4:1)

Quorum - 5

Chair: G. Renner Thompson

Vice Chair: M. Swinburn

Conservative	Labour	Bedlington Independents	Liberal Democrat	Independents Non-grouped
T. Cessford	D. Campbell	R. Wallace		
G. Renner Thompson	S. Dickinson			
G. Stewart	L. Dunn			
K. Stow	J. Lang			
M. Swinburn				

Also:

2 Parent Governors (voting) – two vacancies

3 Church Representatives (voting) – A. Hodgson, J. Warner, Revd D. Lennox

4 Teacher Union Representatives (non-voting) – J. Sanderson, R. Lyst, R. Woolhouse, S. Payne

(all subject to satisfactory DBS clearance)

These representatives may discuss non-education matters but shall not vote on those matters identified as being outside their remit.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Family and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 4 April 2019, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest) they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 4 July 2012, and are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature (as defined under paragraph 17 of the Code Conduct) they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room.

N.B. Any member needing clarification must contact the Legal Services Manager, Liam Henry on Tel: 01670 623324. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this Agenda letter.

5. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

To note the latest Forward Plan of key decisions for June 2019 to September 2019. Any further changes made to the Forward Plan will be reported to the committee. (Forward Plan enclosed as **Appendix A.**)

REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CABINET

6. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Proposal And Rationale For Changes To Morpeth Children's Centre

The Cabinet report (attached as **Appendix B**) provides members with an overview of the context of the proposal and rationale for changes to the use of the current Morpeth children's centre building; provides assurance that children's centre service delivery will not be reduced as a result; demonstrates that the proposal adds capacity to the provision available to support education for children with Special Educational Needs in Northumberland; and proposes a timeline for the statutorily required public consultation for changing the use of the children's centre building to allow for it to be ready as an education facility from September 2019 if this is agreed. Comments made by this Committee will be reported to Cabinet when they consider the report on 11 June 2019.

REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY SCRUTINY

7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

7.1 Review of the corporate parenting strategy and work plan

The report (attached as **Appendix C**) provides the Committee with a progress and impact update in relation to the action plan from the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2017-2020, which informs the development of the revised strategy.

The Cabinet Member requested to attend for this item is Councillor W Daley.

7.2 Virtual School Headteacher Annual Report 2017-18

The report (attached as **Appendix D**) presents the education outcomes of Northumberland's looked after children for the academic year 2017-18.

The Cabinet Member requested to attend for this item is Councillor W Daley.

7.3 Peer Challenge - Care Leavers Service

The report (attached as **Appendix E**) provides Members with an update of the actions to be undertaken following the Peer Challenge undertaken in September 2018 including a current view of the education, employment and training status of Northumberland's care leavers.

The Cabinet Member requested to attend for this item is Councillor W Daley.

7.4 Twelve Month MASH Review

The report (attached as **Appendix F**) presents the twelve month's review of implementation of the MASH in Northumberland.

The Cabinet Member requested to attend for this item is Councillor W Daley.

8. REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER

Family and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20.

Members are asked to note the Family and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme (attached as **Appendix G**)

INFORMATION REPORTS

9. POLICY DIGEST

This report gives details of the latest policy briefings, government announcements and ministerial speeches which may be of interest to members.

NB Reports have not been reproduced/circulated. They can be accessed through the service finder element of County Council's web site at www.northumberland.gov.uk.

10. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

Name (please print):
Meeting:
Date:
Item to which your interest relates:
Nature of Registerable Personal Interest i.e either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Annex 2 to Code of Conduct or other interest (as defined by Annex 3 to Code of Conduct) (please give details):
Nature of Non-registerable Personal Interest (please give details):
Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?

1. Registerable Personal Interests – You may have a Registerable Personal Interest if the issue being discussed in the meeting:

- a) relates to any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined by Annex 1 to the Code of Conduct); or
- b) any other interest (as defined by Annex 2 to the Code of Conduct)

The following interests are Disclosable Pecuniary Interests if they are an interest of either you or your spouse or civil partner:

(1) Employment, Office, Companies, Profession or vocation; (2) Sponsorship; (3) Contracts with the Council; (4) Land in the County; (5) Licences in the County; (6) Corporate Tenancies with the Council; or (7) Securities - interests in Companies trading with the Council.

The following are other Registerable Personal Interests:

(1) any body of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management) to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council; (2) any body which (i) exercises functions of a public nature or (ii) has charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management); or (3) any person from whom you have received within the previous three years a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of more than £50 which is attributable to your position as an elected or co-opted member of the Council.

2. Non-registerable personal interests - You may have a non-registerable personal interest when you attend a meeting of the Council or Cabinet, or one of their committees or sub-committees, and you are, or ought reasonably to be, aware that a decision in relation to an item of business which is to be transacted might reasonably be regarded as affecting your well being or financial position, or the well being or financial position of a person described below to a greater extent than most inhabitants of the area affected by the decision.

The persons referred to above are: (a) a member of your family; (b) any person with whom you have a close association; or (c) in relation to persons described in (a) and (b), their employer, any firm in which they are a partner, or company of which they are a director or shareholder.

3. Non-participation in Council Business

When you attend a meeting of the Council or Cabinet, or one of their committees or sub-committees, and you are aware that the criteria set out below are satisfied in relation to any matter to be considered, or being considered at that meeting, you must : (a) Declare that fact to the meeting; (b) Not participate (or further participate) in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; (c) Not participate in any vote (or further vote) taken on the matter at the meeting; and (d) Leave the room whilst the matter is being discussed.

The criteria for the purposes of the above paragraph are that: (a) You have a registerable or non-registerable personal interest in the matter which is such that a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would reasonably think it so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest; **and either** (b) the matter will affect the financial position of yourself or one of the persons or bodies referred to above or in any of your register entries; **or** (c) the matter concerns a request for any permission, licence, consent or registration sought by yourself or any of the persons referred to above or in any of your register entries.

This guidance is not a complete statement of the rules on declaration of interests which are contained in the Members' Code of Conduct. If in any doubt, please consult the Monitoring Officer or relevant Democratic Services Officer before the meeting.