

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the
People Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on
Tuesday 25 January 2022**

Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
<p>Agenda Item 4 Minutes</p> <p>To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 November 2021.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that: the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the minutes of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 16 November 2021.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6 Children's Services Performance</p> <p>To consider an update on matters supporting children's services performance in Northamptonshire and the outcomes of the latest Ofsted monitoring visit.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that: the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Requested to have access to information provided to the commissioning authority giving a greater level of detail about children's services performance against key targets and about the Children's Trust staffing establishment in time for the Committee meeting on 25 April 2022. b) Agreed that the Committee should take a continuing interest in the direction of travel for children's services and how children's services contributes with other services to dealing with cross-cutting issues in West Northamptonshire. c) Agreed to confirm at the Committee meeting on 25 April 2022 whether it would schedule further scrutiny with Children's Trust representatives at the Committee meetings on 21 June 2022 or 30 August 2022.
<p>Agenda Item 7 School Improvement</p> <p>To consider an overview of activity by West Northamptonshire Council to support school improvement.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that: the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Requested to be provided with an analysis of the number of academy schools in West Northamptonshire required to become sponsored academies, the length of time since those schools converted and their current Ofsted outcomes.

	<p>b) Requested to be provided with confirmation of the current number of children missing from education in West Northamptonshire.</p> <p>c) Requested to be provided with confirmation of the recent direction of travel concerning permanent exclusions in West Northamptonshire.</p> <p>d) Agreed to invite the Regional Schools Commissioner to attend a future Committee meeting to discuss matters relating to the performance of academy schools in West Northamptonshire.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8 Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Support and Alternative Provision</p> <p>To consider an overview of SEND support and alternative provision in West Northamptonshire.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that: the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested to receive an update on the development of SEND support in West Northamptonshire to the Committee meeting on 30 August 2022, to include performance against the timescale for completing Education, Health and Care Plan assessments.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 9 Review of Committee Work Programme 2021/22</p> <p>To review and note the Committee Work Programme.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that: the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>a) Agreed that the Committee would still seek to scrutinise the West Northamptonshire Council interim Housing Strategy on 1 March 2022 as scheduled in the work programme.</p> <p>b) Agreed that the Committee meeting on 1 March 2022 should have a short agenda to enable a workshop-style meeting to scrutinise the interim Housing Strategy to be held immediately afterwards.</p> <p>c) Requested to receive further information on the following matters relating to the Healthwatch function in Northamptonshire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisational relationship between the Connected Together Community Interest Company and Healthwatch Northamptonshire • The membership of the Healthwatch Northamptonshire board • The role of Healthwatch in the Northamptonshire Integrated Care System.