



## Children's Trust Joint Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Children's Trust Joint Committee held at The Council Chamber, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1BP on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 2.00 pm.

### Present

Councillor Matt Golby  
Councillor Jonathan Nunn  
Councillor Lloyd Bunday  
Councillor Jason Smithers

Substitute Members: Councillor Mark Hughes

Also Present:  
Anna Earnshaw, Chief Executive (WNC)  
Rob Bridge, Chief Executive (NNC)  
Tony Challinor, Assistant Director of Commissioning and Partnerships  
Marie Devlin-Hogg, AD of Human Resources (NNC)  
AnnMarie Dodds, Executive Director of Children's Services (NNC)  
Colin Foster, Chief Executive (NCT)  
Janice Gotts, Executive Director of Finance (NNC)  
Gabriella Mercuri, Head of Learning & Development (NNC)  
Rory Seymour, Commissioning Manager Children's Services  
Susan Tanner, AD Commissioning and Partnerships (NNC)

### 1. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Fiona Baker and Scott Edwards. Councillor Mark Hughes substituted for Councillor Baker.

In the absence of the host Co-Chair the Committee agreed that Councillor Jason Smithers would chair the meeting

### 2. **Notification of requests to address the meeting**

None

### 3. **Declarations of Interest**

None Declared

### 4. **Minutes**

RESOLVED that: that the minutes of the meeting of the Children's Trust Joint Committee held on 4 May 2022 be agreed.

5. **Chair's Announcements**

None

6. **Urgent Business**

None

7. **Annual Report of Northamptonshire Children's Trust**

At the Chair's invitation the Executive Director of Children's Services (NNC) introduced the report, highlighting the following points:

- The Intelligent Client Function had produced the Annual Report in accordance with the relevant requirements.
- It had been questioned that the Annual Report had not been made public. The Service Delivery Contract specified the process for producing the Annual Report and the content, as set out in the report to the Committee.
- The Annual Report would now be considered through the democratic process at North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire Councils. It was scheduled to go to Full Council in North Northamptonshire in November 2022 after first going to Overview & Scrutiny.

The Chair invited Committee members to raise any points that they wished the Committee to consider.

Councillors Golby and Nunn confirmed that the Annual Report would be subject to similar consideration by the democratic process at West Northamptonshire Council.

The Executive Director of Children's Services (NNC) advised that the Annual Report would be circulated to Committee members following the current meeting.

RESOLVED that: the Children's Trust Joint Committee:

- a) Noted that the Annual Report was completed in line with the service delivery contract.
- b) Noted the proposal to further discuss and agree any amendments to the Service Delivery Contract following the Ofsted Inspection of the Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) due to take place in Autumn 2022 and the plan to bring these proposals to a future Joint Committee meeting for approval.
- c) Recommended that in subsequent years an annual report is taken to both Councils' Full Council meetings for consideration.

8. **Changes to the Learning and Development Support Service delivered to Northamptonshire Children's Trust**

At the Chair's invitation the Chief Executive of Northamptonshire Children's Trust introduced the report, highlighting the following points:

- The proposed changes were being presented to the Committee as they concerned disaggregation of services.
- The proposed changes had been considered by the Support Services Board.
- He put on record his thanks to the Head of Learning & Development and her team for the previous support provided to Northamptonshire Children's Trust. The Trust did not plan to procure services from an alternative source.

The Chair invited Committee members to raise any points that they wished the Committee to consider. There were none.

RESOLVED that: the Children's Trust Joint Committee:

- a) Approved the partial transfer of the Learning and Development Support Service delivered to Northamptonshire Children's Trust from North Northamptonshire into Northamptonshire Children's Trust from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.
- b) Noted the continued delivery of some elements of Learning and Development by North Northamptonshire Council via service level agreement

The meeting closed at 2.15 pm

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_