

## Minutes of a meeting of the Joint Children's Trust Committee

Held at 10.00 am on Wednesday 1st May, 2024 in the Council Chamber, Corby Cube, George Street, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 1QG

### Present:-

#### Members

Councillor Lloyd Bunday (NNC)  
Councillor Adam Brown (WNC)  
Councillor Scott Edwards (NNC)

Councillor David Smith (WNC)  
Councillor Jason Smithers (NNC)

#### Officers

Mark Dickenson

Assistant Director of Finance and Strategy (NNC)

Anna Earnshaw

Chief Executive (WNC)

Janice Gotts

Executive Director of Finance (NNC)

Raj Sohal

Democratic Services Officer (NNC)

Sanjit Sull

Interim Monitoring Officer (NNC)

David Watts

Interim Director of Children's Services (NNC)

Rebecca Wilshire

Acting Director of Children's Services (WNC)

Richard Woodward

ICF Manager (NNC)

Adele Wylie

Chief Executive (NNC)

### 16 Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were received from Councillors Fiona Baker and Matt Golby. Councillors David Smith and Adam Brown were in attendance, as substitutes.

### 17 Notification of requests to address the meeting

None received.

### 18 Members' declarations of interest

No declarations were made.

### 19 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2024

**RESOLVED that:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved as an accurate record.

### 20 NCT Period 11 Forecast

The Committee considered a report by the Interim Director of Children's Services from North Northamptonshire Council, which provided an update regarding The Northamptonshire Children's Trust Period 11 forecast.

**RESOLVED that:** The Committee:

- a) Notes NCT's P11 forecast of £31.632m above the Contract Sum and progress to deliver savings including the non-delivery of £1.447m of red rated saving.
- b) Notes the overall impact on the Councils of £32.54m above the Contract Sum when items totalling £0.908m not currently in NCT's forecast are included.

## **21 NCT Transformation and Efficiency Board Update**

The Committee considered a report by the Acting Director of Children's Services from West Northamptonshire Council, which provided an update regarding Transformation and Efficiency activity around improving the operational efficiency of the NCT.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

## **22 NCT Voluntary Step In Progress Update**

The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Director of Finance and Strategy from North Northamptonshire Council, which outlined the progress of the Voluntary Step In (VSI) agreed undertaken jointly with the NCT.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

## **23 Circle to Success Programme Update**

The Committee considered a report by the Acting Director of Children's Services from West Northamptonshire Council, which outlined the NCT's Circle to Success Programme.

**RESOLVED that:** The Committee:

- a) Notes the success of the programme in 2023/24 and the delivery of the £3.8m savings target and delivery of positive outcomes for 41 children and young people to date.
- b) Notes, as reported to the Transformation and Efficiency Board in February 2024, the forecast savings of £8.072m in 2024/25 which is an increase of £4.023m above that included in the Contract Sum.

## **24 Urgent Business**

The Chair thanked the Committee for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10:34am.