

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

At 2.00 pm on Wednesday 4th May, 2022 in the

Held as Council Chamber, County Hall, George Row, Northampton, NN1 1DF

Present:-

Members

Councillor Lloyd Bunday
Councillor Scott Edwards
Councillor Jason Smithers

Councillor Fiona Baker
Councillor Matt Golby
Councillor Jonathan Nunn

Officers

Rob Bridge	Chief Executive (NNC)
Tony Challinor	Assistant Director of Commissioning & Partnerships Chief Executive (WNC)
Anna Earnshaw	Democracy Officer (NNC)
Jenny Daniels	Director of Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NNC)
Ann-Marie Dodds	Director of Finance (NNC)
Colin Foster	Chief Executive (Northamptonshire Children's Trust) (NCT)
Janice Gotts	HR Business Partner (WNC)
Colin Foster	Chief Executive (NCT)
Jill Kennedy	HR Business Partner (WNC)
Sofia Neal-Gonzalez	Democracy Officer (WNC)
Andrew Tagg	Director of Finance (NCT)
Catherine Whitehead	Director of Legal & Democratic and Monitoring Officer (WNC)

43 Apologies for Non-Attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Kiernan, Interim (Director of Children's Services)

44 Notification of requests to address the meeting

None received.

45 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2022

RESOLVED that: that the minutes of the meeting of the Children's Trust Joint Committee held on 6 April 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

46 Members' Declaration of Interests

The Chair invited those who wished to do so to declare interests in respect of items on the agenda.

No declarations were made.

47 Update on the Transfer of the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Support Service to Northamptonshire Children's Trust

At the Chairman's invitation the Assistant Director Commissioning and Partnerships (NNC) and Executive Director Corporate (WNC) introduced the report (copies of which had been previously circulated). This item had been postponed from the previous meeting due to further information being required regarding the recruitment process and the failure to attract any applicants. A question had also been raised regarding the Children's Trust ability to be more successful in recruiting a suitable applicant. It was listed as item 5 on the agenda.

The Assistant Director of Commissioning and Partnerships explained the background to the change which had been to change the health, safety and wellbeing service team at West Northants Council to the Children's Trust. Progress had been made on recruiting staff to vacant posts.

In answer to queries on the report the following was confirmed:

- The post of analyst had been twice advertised the previous year without much success but it had however, been advertised again and recruited to.
- The post would now move to the Children's Trust.
- The post had been created around the infrastructure of the Trust. So they would not be solely reliant on the individual to deliver health and safety but also have colleagues in the north and south of the County to assist. This would be embedded into the HR structure of the Children's Trust.
- There were some discussions held around service level agreements such as those required to provide individual support services. Some opportunities had also come through that had enabled them to re-aligned to support.
- There had been zero cost to North and West Councils.
- They were still working very closely with both the Councils and the Health and Safety Executive.

RESOLVED that: the Children's Trust Joint Committee approve the transfer of the delivery of the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Support Service provided to Northamptonshire Children's Trust from West Northamptonshire Council to Northamptonshire Children's Trust.

48 Urgent Business

The Chair asked members where they would like to hold meetings in the future and it was agreed to continue with holding alternative meetings in the North and West of the County.

49 Close of Meeting

REOLVED that: There being no exempt or urgent items to be discussed, the Chair closed the meeting.at 2.10pm.

Chair

Date