

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 27 September 2022 at 6.00 pm in Telford Room, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT

Present: Councillors K S Sahota (Chair), M Boylan, I T W Fletcher, J Jones, A D McClements and B Wennington.

Also Present: Councillor V A Fletcher

In Attendance: R Phillips (Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy) and K Robinson (Democracy Officer (Scrutiny))

Apologies: Councillors S P Burrell and K T Tomlinson

34 Declarations of Interest

None.

35 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

36 Terms of Reference 2022 - 2023

The Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy presented the report.

This was a standard report for a committee's first meeting of the municipal year and was required under the constitution. Only two amendments to the standard terms of reference were recommended and these were highlighted in red in the appendix to the report.

Proposed changes to the terms of reference included a small clarification to the wording of a section and the addition of the provision for appointing a vice chair. These changes had been suggested and approved by all scrutiny committees the previous year and by those already having received their terms of reference at a meeting in this municipal year.

As clarification to a Member's question, the officer stated that other committees had not used the provision to immediately appoint a vice chair rather it was to add the flexibility to allow committees to do this if they so wished.

RESOLVED - that the Committee approve the terms of reference for the year 2022 - 2023.

37 Work Programme 2022 - 2023

The Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy presented the draft work programme to the Committee.

Members made a number of comments on the draft programme:

It was requested that a separate briefing on the Belonging Strategy be given before the Committee receives the item at a formal meeting,

Members were keen to hear from people outside of the authority to hear other perspectives and to receive the benefit of specialisation and best practice.

A further item for the Committee to consider during the year was suggested. This focussed on an update on the state of fostering in the Borough. It was suggested that this could perhaps form part of a larger standing item providing various updates.

RESOLVED – that the draft work programme be approved by the Committee.

38 Chair's Update

It was advised that the next meeting of the Committee would be 8 November 2022.

The meeting ended at 6.34 pm

Chairman:

Date: Tuesday, 8 November 2022