

## Meeting of the Full Council - 22 February 2018

### Report on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 6 December 2017 and 31 January 2018

**Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay**

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#### 6 December 2017

##### **Secure Accommodation**

The report presented provided an overview in relation to secure accommodation, including the criteria and reasons why children might require placement in a secure children's home. It also highlighted some of the challenges when placing a child in secure accommodation.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report presented be noted.
- ii. Forensic psychological testing be available to every young person entering secured accommodation as required.
- iii. A request be made to Cabinet to further investigate the possibility of secure accommodation in Lancashire.

##### **Recruitment and Retention - Children's Social Care**

The report presented provided details on the Retention and Recruitment Strategy within Children's Social Care to proactively recruit within this field motivated, and where possible experienced social workers to work across the areas of childcare social work in Lancashire.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report presented be noted.
- ii. The Recruitment and Retention Strategy of social workers in Lancashire be noted.
- iii. The Social Work Academy Programme which forms part of the retention strategy be noted.
- iv. An update on the Recruitment and Retention Strategy be reported to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee in six months' time.

**31 January 2018**

**Scrutiny of Budget Proposals for 2018/19**

The report presented set out all of the savings proposals as agreed by the Cabinet at its meetings between 14 September and 18 January 2018 inclusive that are relative to both the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Committees terms of reference for consideration.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. Matters from the Cabinet Members budget proposals for 2018/19 to form the basis for scrutiny review during 2018/19 be determined.
- ii. All matters determined by members be compiled from the minutes of the meeting and form part of the work planning session in readiness for the 2018/19 municipal year.

**Joint Area SEND Inspection in Lancashire**

The report presented set out the findings of the Ofsted and CQC joint local area SEND inspection in Lancashire conducted in November 2017.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report and comments be noted.
- ii. Areas identified from discussions be scheduled across both Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Committees work plans.
- iii. A joint meeting of Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Committees be held on 11 April 2018