

Minutes of a Meeting of the **PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 14th JUNE 2017 at 5.30 p.m.**

PRESENT Councillors M. Ashcroft, Kathryn Beetham, R.S. Fleming, Mrs. S. Haigh, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and Mrs. S.A. Symons.

OFFICERS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs. C.A. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Miss J. Gale (Pre-School Manager)

IN ATTENDANCE Ms. S. Rounce (DCC Children and Young People's Services)
Councillor P. Symons

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Iveson and seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft that Councillor R.S. Fleming be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the 2017/2018 municipal year.

RESOLVED – that Councillor R.S. Fleming be appointed as Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

Councillor R.S. Fleming took the Chair for the meeting.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. S. Iveson and seconded by Councillor M. Iveson that Councillor M. Ashcroft be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the 2017/2018 municipal year.

RESOLVED – that Councillor M. Ashcroft be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

4. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

There were no applications for dispensations.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

6. **PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Pre-School Manager submitted a report providing Members with a general update on the setting's progress and child attendance figures.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received.

7. **REVIEW REPORT**

A report was presented by Sue Rounce, DCC Children and Young People Services, informing Members of support and guidance given to the Pre-School.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received.

8. **BUILDING ALTERATION**

The Town Clerk presented a report advising Members of the need for alteration to the layout and use of the Pre-School building, and the need for the installation of an internet connection.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- i) That the report be received
- ii) That the alterations to provide an office within the pre-school building be agreed.
- iii) That internet access is provided within the pre-school building.

9. **PRE-SCHOOL CAPACITY**

The Town Clerk submitted a report requesting Members to consider increasing the number of places provided at the Pre-School setting.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That the pre-school numbers be increased from 30 to 40.

10. **30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE**

The Town Clerk submitted a report providing information, following a survey of parents, regarding the possible uptake of the additional free 15 hours' funding provided by the government to eligible families.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That the 15 hours extra free childcare, via the 30 hours government funded scheme, be offered effective from September 2017.

11. **ADVISORY SUPPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report requesting Members' consideration of the future level of professional early years advisory support that is appropriate to the Pre-School Sub-Committee and the Pre-School setting.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That a service level agreement is entered into for professional advisory services with the Durham County Council Early Years Professional Involvement Service for 3 days per term.

CHAIRMAN