

Minutes of a Meeting of the **PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **TUESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017 at 6.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor R.S. Fleming (Chairman) and**  
Councillors M. Ashcroft, Kathy Beetham, Mrs S. Haigh and Sally Symons

**OFFICERS**                Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)  
Miss J. Gale (Pre-School Manager)

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

12. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Iveson and Mrs. S.J. Iveson.

13. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

There were no applications for dispensations.

14. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

15. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S. Haigh and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Pre-School Sub-Committee, held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, be confirmed as a correct record, subject to Minute 10 ii) being clarified to confirm that all applicants would be allocated 15 hours in the first instance and any additional hours requested allocated as available.

16. **PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE REPORT**

Prior to the meeting, members of the Sub-Committee toured the Pre-School premises, including the former office building, which had been recently refurbished for potential expansion of the Pre-School service.

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.

At the request of the Sub-Committee, S Rounce gave detailed information regarding the potential for providing pre-school education for 2-year olds at St Oswald's.

17. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It was resolved that the following recommendations be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee:

- i)        The report be received.

- ii) Pre-School staff be congratulated following receipt of a 'good' rating for St Oswald's in a recent Ofsted inspection report, which reflected the progress made by the Pre-School team and other support staff.
- iii) Unused monies returned from the allocation provided to DCC Advisory Team be used for additional learning support materials, in particular to provide a lending library for parental use.
- iv) Preparations be commenced for the admission of 2-year old children to the refurbished office building effective, potentially, from the 2018 half-term holiday.
- v) Future consideration be given to training an apprentice to work in the Pre-School.

**CHAIRMAN**