

PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the **PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE**, held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER 2019 at 6.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillors: M. Ashcroft, Kathy Beetham, Mrs M. Dalton, M. Iveson, Mrs S.J. Iveson and Sally Symons.

OFFICERS

Mr A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)
Miss J. Gale (Pre-School Manager)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor M. Iveson, seconded by Councillor Mrs S.J. Iveson, that Councillor M. Ashcroft be appointed as Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

RESOLVED – that Councillor M. Ashcroft be appointed as Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

Councillor M. Ashcroft took the chair.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson, that Councillor Mrs S.J. Iveson be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R.S. Fleming and Wendy Hillary.

4. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

7. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor M. Iveson, seconded by Councillor Mrs S.J. Iveson, and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Pre-School Sub-Committee held on the 8th May 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pre-School Manager submitted a report requesting members to consider the future requirement for a Service Level Agreement with Durham County Council's Early Years Team.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The Service Level Agreement be renewed for the current academic year, 2019-2020.
- ii) The number of visits per term from the Early Years Adviser under the SLA be reduced from 3 days to 1.5 days.

9. PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE REPORT

The Pre-School Manager submitted an update report regarding staffing, attendance, activities and events at the Pre-School.

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

10. FUNDING ISSUE

The Pre-School Manager submitted a report requesting members to consider options for dealing with four days during the Autumn term for which educational funding was not available from the County Council.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The four days be used at the end of the Autumn term, 17th – 20th December.
- ii) The Pre-School remain open as normal during this period.
- iii) No charge be made to any parents, funded or non-funded, for the four days in question.
- iv) The same principles be applied to future occurrences of days of funding short-fall from the County Council.

11. PRE-SCHOOL ADVISOR REPORT

Durham County Council's Early Years Advisor submitted a report detailing the support and guidance given to the Pre-School under a Service Level Agreement from September 2018 to July 2019.

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

12. PRE-SCHOOL SERVICE PLAN 2019-2020

The Pre-School Manager submitted a report presenting the draft St Oswald's Pre-School Service Plan for consideration and comment.

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

CHAIRMAN