

PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 18th AUGUST 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the **PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE**, held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and virtually, on **TUESDAY, 18th AUGUST 2020 at 6.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor M. Ashcroft (Chairman) and Councillors:
Kathy Beetham, R.S. Fleming, Mrs S. Haigh, Wendy Hillary,
M. Iveson, Mrs S.J. Iveson and Sally Symons

OFFICERS

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

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs M. Dalton.

23. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

25. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

26. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Kathy Beetham and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Pre-School Sub-Committee, held on the 25th February 2020, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27. PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE REPORT

The Pre-School Manager submitted a report updating members on Pre-School attendance figures, staffing, activities and events.

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Pre-School staff be thanked for the additional cleaning and decorating work they had carried out in the Pre-School during the Covid-19 lockdown period.
- iii) The Pre-School Manager be commended on her leadership of the Pre-School during the current Covid-19 crisis.
- iv) The Town Council's current policy of not allowing children of staff to attend the Pre-School be rescinded and staff encouraged to enrol their children in the Pre-School settings.
- v) Management arrangements, as recommended in the report, for the Pre-School during the Manager's maternity leave be referred to the Personnel Committee.
- vi) Members of Pre-School staff who had recently gained their level 5 Foundation Degree in Early Years be congratulated.

28. PRE-SCHOOL BUILDING EXTENSION – UPDATE

The Town Clerk submitted a report updating members regarding St Oswald's Pre-School Learning Centre extension.

RESOLVED – that the report and an additional verbal update from the Town Clerk be received.

CHAIRMAN