

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Joint Lifelong Learning and Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee on
Friday, 2 May 2014**

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Appointment of Chair	That Councillor Ian Roberts be appointed Chairman for the meeting.
A2	Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)	<p>Personal interest declared by Mr David Hÿtch on Agenda Item 4.</p> <p>Personal interests declared by Councillors Peter Curtis, Nancy Matthews and Hilary McGuill on Agenda Item 7.</p>
A4	Corporate Parenting	That the value of the work being undertaken to ensure the Council is meeting its corporate parenting aims and obligations be recognised.
A5	Educational Attainment of Looked After Children	<p>(a) That the work of the looked after children steering group made up of Education and Children’s Services staff is acted upon to increase the levels of attainment of looked after children, by developing strategies and spending plans for the School Effectiveness Grant and the looked after children Pupil Deprivation Grant which has doubled to £918 for the financial year 2014/15;</p> <p>(b) That the literacy and numeracy strategy be used to further identify and up-skill those children and young people who may not be achieving their potential;</p> <p>(c) That those children who have Additional Learning Needs continue to access specialist support to help them reach their potential;</p> <p>(d) The Directorates of Social Services and Lifelong Learning continue to work collaboratively to further enhance and embed consistent approaches with regard to looked after children;</p> <p>(e) That there is a continuation of support for looked after children from the School Effectiveness Grant from the Welsh Government;</p> <p>(f) That work to develop a database on a regional basis to reflect the needs and support provision required for all looked after children continues;</p>

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		(g) The positive collaboration across local authorities should continue to be encouraged so that cross-border working and information sharing improves; (h) To record the Committee's gratitude to the foster carers in Flintshire for their work; and (i) That a Governor Champion be appointed for looked after children / safeguarding.
A6	Safeguarding and Child Protection Report	That the report be accepted as information in relation to Child Protection and Safeguarding for the period 1 October 2012 to 31 December 2013.
A7	Visual Impairment Support to Children & Adults in Flintshire	(a) That the continued provision of services to those with a visual impairment within Flintshire be supported; and (b) That officers raise the profile of sensory impairment through the Council and external bodies of which it is part.