



Renfrewshire
Area Support Team

Minute of Meeting Renfrewshire Area Support Team

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 12 December 2023	14:00	Corporate Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present

Derek Bramma; Craig Campbell; Jacqueline Doherty; Edi Hanley; Alex MacDonald; Euan McNaught and Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes.

Chair

D Bramma, Area Convener, presided.

Also Present

Lesley King, Locality Reporter Manager, Mo Quinn, Tribunal Delivery Manager and Brian Gallagher, Partnership Coordinator (both Children's Hearings Scotland).

in Attendance

K O'Neill, Democratic Services Officer (Renfrewshire Council).

Apologies

C McLean, J Melrose and M Robinson.

Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

There were no declarations of interest or transparency statements intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Order of Business

The Area Convener intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 5 on the agenda before item 3 of the agenda.

Obituary

The Area Convener referred to the recent death of Eileen Anderson and acknowledged the exceptional support and work she provided as a Panel representative.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Renfrewshire Area Support Team (AST) held on 24 October 2023.

It was noted that item 13 of the Minute would require to be amended to reflect that Natalie Don, MSP, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, had requested that a mock hearing be held, which she would attend.

DECIDED: That the Minute, as amended, be approved.

2 Matters Arising

Councillor Hughes advised members that she continued to pursue the issue of reliable taxi provision for Panel Members, however no reliable, suitable service was yet available.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

3 Regional Tribunal Delivery Manager's Report

The Regional Tribunal Delivery Manager provided a verbal update relative to the North Strathclyde Tribunal Support Model (TSM) Locality Team which would be implemented from April 2024 and advised that those areas already operating Locality Teams were operating well. The Manager further advised that the themes which had been incorporated included: Strong Relationships, Inspired Leadership, Learning Together, Driving Partnerships and Improving Performances had that these had been implemented.

The Regional Tribunal Delivery Manager was then heard in answer to questions on the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

4 Learning & Development Sub-Group

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Learning & Development Sub-group held on 23 November 2023.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

5 Rota and Management of Hearings Sub-group

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Rota and Management of Hearings Sub-group held on 28 November 2023.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

6 Keeping The Promise in Renfrewshire

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Keeping the Promise in Renfrewshire Children's Hearings held on 29 November 2023.

DECIDED: That the contents of the minute be noted.

7 Panel Member Retention

The Area Convener updated members on the status of those members due for re-appointment and advised that 14 Children's Panel members had been contacted in this connection.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

8 New Trainees - update

The Area Convener advised that following interview there had been nine successful applicants who had been recommended for appointment from Renfrewshire with an additional six applicants also recommended for appointment by East Renfrewshire being appointed to Renfrewshire.

An information evening had been held on Tuesday 5 December 2023, which all 15 new appointees attended, topics covered included employee absence to attend panel meetings, how the system worked and panel member expectations.

Panel members were encouraged to check their emails and be realistic with regard to meetings and training events they could attend.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

9 **Panel Member Recognition Event 2024**

The Area Convener advised that the 2024 Recognition Event was scheduled to be held in the Glynhill Hotel on Friday 26 April 2024.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

10 **Renfrewshire AST Clerking**

There was a discussion relative to future arrangements for AST Clerking and members were advised that the current arrangements would continue.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

11 **Date of Next Meeting**

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Area Support Team would be held at 2.00 pm on 20 February 2024 in Renfrewshire House.