

## NOTES

### North East Regional Joint Scrutiny Member/Officer Network

26 September 2022

#### Attendance:

Cllr Wendy Taylor (Newcastle City Council) (Chair)  
Camilla de Berghardt Lane, Ed Hammond (CfGS)  
Cllr Jonathan Elmer, Cllr Craig Martin, Cllr Patricia Jobling, Rachel Parker, Stephen Gwillym (Durham CC)  
Cllr Bill Dick, Angela Frisby (Gateshead Council)  
Cllr Rob Cook, Cllr Leisa Smith, Joan Stevens, Gemma Jones (Hartlepool Council)  
Cllr Denise Rooney, Caroline Breheny, Susan Lightwing (Middlesbrough Council)  
Janet Howard (Newcastle City Council)  
Gavin Armstrong (North East CA)  
Cllr Catherine Seymour, Elizabeth Kerr (North of Tyne CA)  
Cllr Janet Hunter, Emma Fagan (North Tyneside Council)  
Chris Angus, Sean Nicholson (Northumberland CC)  
Cllr Vera Rider, Alison Pearson, Rae Puggmurr (Redcar & Cleveland Council)  
Paul Baldasera, Susan Clennell (South Tyneside Council)  
Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Judith Trainer, Gary Wood, Jonathan Nertney, Rebecca Saunders-Thompson, Rachel Harrison (Stockton Council)  
Cllr Dianne Snowdon, Nigel Cummings, Gillian Robinson (Sunderland City Council)  
Nicola Dean (Tees Valley CA)

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Megan Ingle (CfGS), Cllr Steven Tait, Alison Hill, Hannah Miller (Darlington Council), Cllr Andrew Jackson, Cllr Joanne Howey (Durham CC), Cllr Maria Hall (Gateshead Council), Cllr Brian Hubbard, Cllr Tom Mawston, Cllr Dennis McCabe, Cllr Donna Jones (Middlesbrough Council), Linda Scott (Newcastle Council), Cllr Richard Dodd, Jackie Roll (Northumberland CC), Cllr Chris Massey (Redcar & Cleveland Council), Rachel Creevy, Scott Parker.

#### 2. Appointment of Vice Chair

Decision - Cllr Dianne Snowdon was appointed.

#### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting – 17 June 2022

Minutes were approved.

#### 4. Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) - Support Arrangement – Update

Decision - Noted

## 5. CfGS – Guidance and Policy Issues

i) The following guidance publications were brought to the attention of the Network (available on the website):

- Effective Work Programming
- Practical Engagement (OfSTED / ILEC)
- Revision of Council Constitutions
- Debates at council meetings
- Transactional Call-in arrangements
- Levelling Up Bill:
  - Civil servants looking at in relation to relationships between Combined Authorities (CA's) and LA's
  - Should LA overview and scrutiny have the power to notify the Secretary of State of concerns regarding CA governance?
  - Remote meetings – The network supported the CfGS in pushing for the capacity to reinstate remote meeting (ie working groups)
- Implications of the Health and Care Act (scrutiny powers):
  - Interim guidance setting out the core principle of relationship between O&S and ICS's is available on the website
  - NHS England Guidance is available on the website

ii) CfGS Policy Issues discussed:

Decision – Noted

## 6. CfGS Training

The Network expressed its appreciation of the training offer and requested that details of attendance and evaluation of the sessions be shared with LAs. It was hoped that a similar programme of training would continue to be made available going forward.

**Decision: Attendance and evaluation information to be shared with each LA to inform Councillor PDP's.**

## 7. Meeting Schedule

Decision – Noted.

## 8. Any Other Business

None.