

Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Wednesday 8th March 2023

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Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented on the expiry of three full working days after the publication of the decision statement and may then be implemented, unless subject to a decision review request [see note on decision review below].

1. Change to membership

It was noted that Councillor Kevin Reynolds had been appointed a substitute member of the committee on 9th February 2023.

2. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sam Hoy, substituted by Councillor Kevin Reynolds.

Councillor A Bradnam declared an interest in Item 9: Education Contracts, as the local member for Waterbeach.

3. Minutes – 17 January 2023 and minutes action log

The minutes of the meeting on 17th January 2023 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair. The minutes action log was noted.

4. Petitions

One petition was received from Emma Bharna, titled [Save Great Gidding Church of England School from being closed](#)

5. Public questions

Four public questions were received from District Councillor Tim Alban; Christopher Jakins, parent of a child at Great Gidding Church of England VC Primary School; Joanne Taylor, ex-Chair of Governors at Great Gidding Church of England VC Primary School; and Dr Julie Byard, local resident. All of the questions related to Item 6: Great Gidding Church of England VC Primary School Consultation Update. The questions and comments can be viewed [here](#).

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6. Great Gidding Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School Consultation Update

It was resolved to:

- a) note and consider the responses to the consultation on the future of Great Gidding Primary Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School.
- b) consider the evidence presented in relation to the viability of Gt Gidding Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School remaining open after the end of the current academic year 2022/23.
- c) proceed to Stage 2 of the statutory process and publish a statutory notice and formal proposal for the closure of Great Gidding Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School on 31 August 2023.

7. Finance Monitoring Report

It was resolved to:

- a) Review and comment on the report.
- b) Request the Strategy and Resources Committee allocate £1,070k of additional funding, in order to enable the strengthening services activities set out in Appendix C, delegating authority to the Section 151 Officer to agree drawdown of those funds.

Key decisions

8. Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme 2023/24

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree the scope and operation of the Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme (CHVS).
- b) Agree to utilise up to £4m earmarked for this purpose by Full Council in order to fund the CHVS during 2023/24.
- c) Delegate responsibility for awarding and executing a contract for the provision of the holiday vouchers starting from the 1st April 2023 and extension periods to the Service Director Education.

9. Education Contracts

It was resolved:

In relation to Round 2 of the Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System (PDPS) to:

- a) Delegate responsibility for awarding and executing the contracts for the provision of early years and childcare starting April 2023 – April 2024 to the Director of Education. These are listed below:
 - Early Years (EY) provision at the new primary school in Sawtry
 - EY provision at the new primary school in Waterbeach
 - EY provision at second primary school in Northstowe
 - EY provision at St John's Primary School, Huntingdon
 - EY provision at Growing Places Children's Centre, Sutton

In relation to Education Transport Contracts, we are being asked to:

- b) Delegate responsibility for awarding and executing a contract for the provision of special, mainstream and child social care transport contracts for implementation in September 2023, to the Director of Education.

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10. Strengthening Services Board

It was resolved to approve:

- a) The establishment of a Strengthening Services Board for Cambridgeshire, with Independent Chair, working with partners.
- b) Development of a clear, costed improvement programme and business case for Children's Services by the end of March 2023.

11. Establishment of a new primary school at Darwin Green

It was resolved to:

Endorse Discovery Schools Academy Trust as the Council's preferred sponsor for the new primary school at Darwin Green.

12. Adoption of the 2023-2028 Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education

It was resolved to:

Approve the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (RE) 2023 – 2028.

13. Children and Young People Committee agenda plan, training plan and appointments
- a) **Note the agenda plan.**
 - b) **Note the training plan.**
 - c) **Appoint Councillor F Thompson as the committee's second representative on the Cambridgeshire Music Hub. Councillor Thompson replaces Councillor S Taylor.**

Notes:

- (a) Statements in **bold type** indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) Requests for review of a decision can be made as indicated below:-
 - (i) At least nine members of the Strategy and Resources Committee to initiate a review of a decision taken by a Policy and Service Committee.
 - (ii) The request must be submitted in writing to the Monitoring Officer or Chief Executive before the expiry of three full working days from the date on which the decision notice was published.

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