

Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Tuesday 25th April 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, unless subject to a decision review request [see note on decision review below].

1. Change to membership

It was resolved to:

- a) note the appointment of Councillor Michael Atkins as a member of the Children and Young People Committee on 16th March 2023. Councillor Atkins succeeded Councillor Maria King.
- b) Note the appointment of Councillor Michael Atkins as Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee by Council on 21st March 2023. Councillor Atkins succeeded Councillor Maria King.
- c) Note the appointment of Councillor Maria King as a substitute member of the Children and Young People Committee on 16th March 2023.

2. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Prentice and Dr Andy Stone, co-opted member representing the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes – 8th March 2023 and minutes action log

The minutes of the meeting on 8th March 2023 were approved as an accurate record, subject to replacing the first use of the word ‘school’ with the word ‘village’ on page 4, paragraph 5, line 4, and signed by the Chair. The minutes action log was noted.

4. Petitions

A petition was received from Amy Caldwell, local resident, calling on the Council to [review the current school transport provision from Great Gransden to Comberton Village College.](#)

5. Public questions

There were no public questions.

Key decision

6. Future of Great Gidding Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School [KD2023/054]

It was resolved to:

- a) approve the closure of Great Gidding CE (VC) Primary School on 31 August 2023.
- b) approve, for children displaced by the closure:
 - the provision of financial assistance in the form of home to school transport or a mileage allowance.
 - the provision of a single per child payment to assist with the purchase of uniform for their new school.

Other decisions

7. Passenger Transport Policy Review

It was resolved to:

- ~~a) proceed with a consultation on withdrawing the current discretionary travel arrangements for children aged between 8 and 11 living more than 2 miles but less than the statutory 3 mile walking distance from their home to school.~~
- ~~b) consult on revisions to the Council's discretionary Post-16 Travel Assistance offer, for students with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), withdrawing the existing provision of free assistance, and introducing a new level of subsidy in line with the mainstream travel assistance subsidy.~~
- ~~c) consult on introducing a subsidised charge for discretionary transport assistance for children with SEND, who attend nursery provision and request assistance.~~
- d) comment on and agree the adoption of the revised travel assistance policies and governance arrangements, including the new Home to School Travel Assistance Policy for Children in Care. ~~with the exception of the proposed amendments listed in a, b and c above.~~

8. Children and Young People Committee agenda plan, training plan, committee appointments and Local Authority School Governor nominations and appointments

It was resolved to:

- a) **note the committee agenda plan.**
- b) **note the committee training plan.**
- c) **note committee appointments.**
- d) **note local authority school governor nominations and appointments for the period January to March 2023.**

Notes:

- (a) Statements in **bold type** indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) With the consent of the meeting, it was agreed that the recommendations shown as ~~struck through~~ would not be pursued.
- (c) 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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