

Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Tuesday 17 May 2022

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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. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor M Atkins (substituted by Councillor P Coutts), Councillor F Thompson (substituted by Councillor L Nethsingha), Councillor A Sharp and Flavio Vettese. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes – 1 March 2022 and action log

The minutes of the meeting on 1 March 2022 were approved as an accurate record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and public questions

Two public questions were received regarding agenda item 5, Home to School Transport to After School Clubs – SEND from Mayor Dr Nick Johnson and Ms Nadia Bowles.

For a copy of the questions and responses, when published, please see [Item 3 - Petitions and Public Questions](#).

Key decisions

4. Education Transport Contracts

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the letting of special and mainstream school and child social care transport contracts current procurement round.

- b) Delegate authority to the Director of Education, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee, to finalise the subsequent award of those contracts.
- c) Endorse the proposal for officers, in future, to bring an annual key decision report to the Committee setting out the transport contracts to be renewed in the coming year for committee approval.

Other decisions

5. Home to School Transport to After School Clubs – SEND

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the recommendation to continue with the existing discretionary after school club transport arrangements, with a further review in 12 months' time.
- b) Recommend that the Strategy and Resources Committee approves additional funding for the extension of the existing transport provision to some special school after school clubs to all Cambridgeshire special schools offering similar after school club provision.
- c) Note the feedback received as a part of the consultation on the proposed options for future arrangements. This is for noting only, so no vote required.
- d) Request officers further explore the option of a means tested approach to continuing the After School Club Transport arrangements.

6. CUSPE Policy Challenge Research on Supporting Care Leavers' Transition to Independence

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the content of the CUSPE report and thank those involved for their extensive research.
- b) Note and comment on the officer assessment of the research recommendations.
- c) Endorse the proposal that the Chair of the Committee should advocate at a national level for increased mental health support for young people leaving care.

7. Response to the Government's SEND Review Green Paper and Update on SEND Provision and Placements

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the report.
- b) Agree that Officers should circulate the final draft consultation response to Committee members for review.
- c) Delegate authority to the Director of Education to submit the Council's consultation response, following consultation with CYP Spokes, in order to meet the deadline of 4-22 July 2022.

8. Education White Paper: Opportunity for All

It was resolved to note and comment on the report, and request any further information on the areas outlined, which we have done.

9. Children and Young People Committee agenda plan, training plan and appointments

It was resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the agenda plan attached at Appendix 1.
- b) Note and comment on the training plan attached at Appendix 2.
- c) Review the committee appointments to outside bodies within the Committee's remit, attached at Appendix 3.
- d) Review the appointments to Internal Advisory Groups and Panels as detailed in Appendix 4;
- e) Appoint Councillor Anna Bradnam as the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee and Councillor Philippa Slatter as the Vice Chair of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee for 2022/23;
- f) Note the Local Authority School Governor nominations and appointments for spring term 2022, attached at Appendix 5.

Notes:

- (a) Statements in larger font indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) Requests for review of a decision can be made as indicated below:-

- (i) At least nine full 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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