

Children and Young People Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 9th February 2016

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Decision review deadline: 16th February 2016



Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented at 9.30am on the fourth full working day after the publication date, unless it is subject of a decision review. [see note on decision review below].

| Item | Topic | Decision |
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| | <u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u> | |
| 1. | Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest | Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wisson and Councillor Onasanya (substitute: Councillor Walsh). Mr P Rossi, the Roman Catholic diocesan representative on the Committee, had a non-statutory disclosable interest in item 5 (The Establishment of Denominational Schools) but remained in the meeting during discussion and voting. |
| 2. | Minutes – 19th January 2016 | It was resolved to: 1. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th January 2016 as a correct record. 2. Note the action log. |
| 3. | Petition: Fordham Primary School | It was noted that the Chairwoman would be writing to the petition organiser, on behalf of the Committee, within 10 working days of the meeting to advise of the current position with regard to expansion of Fordham Primary School. |
| | <u>KEY DECISION</u> | |
| 4. | Mutualisation of the Multi Systemic Therapy Teams | It was resolved unanimously to (a) Agree to the mutualisation of the Multi Systemic Therapy Service. (b) Give permission for a Social Impact Bond to be explored as a potential future form of investment for financing the procurement of the service. |

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| | <u>OTHER DECISIONS</u> | |
| 5. | The Establishment of Denominational Schools | <p>It was resolved to adopt, within the Council's current policy framework, with immediate effect, the proposed approach (set out in section 2.6.2 and 2.6.3) namely:</p> <p>(a) When seeking a new school sponsor, to welcome proposals from all potential sponsors including for voluntary aided schools and academies with a faith designation.</p> <p>(b) When proposals are received for the establishment of a new voluntary aided school or academy with faith designation, the Council will take into account, alongside wider considerations such as those set out in paragraph 2.6.4, whether there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unmet local demand for additional relevant faith provision; • an established trend where parental preference exceeds the number of places available and this is forecast for the foreseeable future; and • the potential for new denominational provision to alleviate demand on places in other schools in areas of high basic need. |
| 6. | Elective Home Education | <p>It was resolved to note the report and advise on further information required.</p> <p>(Note: the Committee has requested that this subject form part of a future Members' Seminar.)</p> |
| 7. | Revised Policy on the Provision of Early Years Education and Childcare | It was resolved to agree the policy, attached at Appendix 1, with immediate effect. |
| 8. | Establishment of a new Secondary School at Wisbech | <p>It was resolved to:-</p> <p>(a) Endorse the provision of a new secondary school in Wisbech and that this option be the subject of stakeholder (phase 2) consultation during the summer term 2016.</p> <p>(b) Note the outcome of the site assessment work and request the General Purposes Committee to authorise the acquisition of the site currently in the ownership of the College of West Anglia (adjacent to Meadowgate School), subject to the conclusion of satisfactory terms for acquisition and due diligence.</p> <p>(c) Authorise officers to continue to work towards identifying a preferred site in March should further additional secondary school capacity be required towards the end of the Local Plan period in 2031.</p> <p>(d) Note the financial provision made in the Children, Families and Adults capital programme (£23m in 2019/20) for a new secondary school in Wisbech and the need</p> |

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| | | to review this on an annual basis given the uncertainties about demographic change and timing outlined in the report. |
| 9. | Educational Performance in Cambridgeshire | It was resolved to note the findings of this paper and comment as appropriate. |
| 10. | Early Help Strategy | It was resolved to agree the Early Help Strategy, the core principles for joint early help and the role of the County Council in delivering them. |
| 11. | Finance and Performance Report – November 2015 | It was resolved to review and comment on the report. |
| 12. | Children and Young People Committee Agenda Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies | It was resolved to: 1. Note the agenda plan, as set out in Appendix A and the oral update provided at the Committee meeting. 2. Note the oral updates from representatives on outside bodies. |

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:-
 - a. At least 8 elected members of the Council may submit a request for a review of a decision by the General Purposes Committee;
 - b. At least 24 elected members of the Council may submit a request for a review of a decision by the Full Council;
 - c. The request must be submitted in writing to the Monitoring Officer or Chief Executive before the expiry of 3 full working days after the decision has been published and shall specify the reason(s) why the decision should be reviewed.
- (c) Full details of the decision review process, including those decisions which may not be subject to review, are set out in the Decision Review Procedure Rules at Part 4.5 of the Constitution.

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