

## Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Tuesday 14 September 2021

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Decision Review deadline: Tuesday 21 September 2021

Implementation of Decisions not called in: Wednesday 22 September 2021

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 by nine full members of the Strategy and Resources Committee [see note on decision review below].

### 1. Change to Committee Membership

The Committee noted that Councillor M McGuire has replaced Councillor S Bywater as a member of the Children and Young People Committee, and that Councillor S Bywater has replaced Councillor J Schumann as a substitute member of the committee.

### 2. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Hoy, substituted by Councillor D Dew; Councillor F Thompson, substituted by Councillor L Nethsingha; and F Vettese, co-opted member representing the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia.

Councillor M McGuire declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8: Home to School Transport, in that he had a grandchild entitled to Post 16 transport on the grounds of special educational needs or a disability.

### 3. Minutes – 29 June 2021 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting on 29 June 2021 were approved as an accurate record, subject to the addition of more detail around the comments made in relation to foster carers. The action log was noted.

### 4. Petitions and public questions

The Committee received one petition from Nadia Bowes and Mayor Dr Nik Johnson, which was heard at Item 8: Home to School Transport, and one public question from James Boyle, a local resident, in relation to secondary school provision for St Neots.

## Key decisions

### 5. Recommissioning of Appropriate Adult (PACE) Service and Reparation Services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree the recommissioning and procurement of Appropriate Adult (Police and Crime Evidence) services and Reparation Services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough; and
- b) Delegate authority to the Executive Director: People and Communities to commit funding at the time of the award of the contract.

### 6. Tender for Early Years Provision in Arbury, Cambridge City

It was resolved to:

Approve the launch of a tender process to secure a new childcare provider to deliver early years and childcare from 38 Carlton Way, Cambridge, CB4 2DE.

## Other decisions

### 7. Finance Monitoring Report – Jul 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Review and comment on the report.
- b) Note the Section 256 arrangement in respect of the Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Information, Advice & Support Service (IASS).
- c) Note the Section 76 agreement in respect of Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT).
- d) Note the Section 75 agreement in respect of Occupational Therapy (OT)

### 8. Home to School Transport

It was resolved:

- a) That Council should continue to exercise its discretion and provide support to families in line with its current published policy and officers undertake a review of any of the discretionary elements.
- b) With particular regard to the provision of free transport to the After School Clubs which are run by five of the County's Area Special Schools, to approve the

proposal to proceed to consultation on reviewing this discretionary support with effect from September 2022.

- c) Approve the proposal to undertake a detailed review of routes currently deemed as unavailable (unsafe) for a child to walk to school, accompanied as necessary, by an adult.
- d) Note the Independent Travel Training pilot project and, in particular, its focus on supporting young people to gain greater independence as they approach adulthood.
- e) Note and comment on the criteria which have been proposed for adoption to inform future decisions on Parental Transport Budgets.

## 9. Covid-19 Local Support Grant – Summer Holiday Support – Procurement of Voucher Scheme

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the decision made under emergency powers by the Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council to undertake the allocation of supermarket vouchers via Wonde for the summer holiday period.
- b) Endorse the model of support outlined in section 2 to mainstream the Covid support for vulnerable families from October 2021 half term onwards.

## 10. Service Director's Report: Education

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the information relating to the performance of children's services in Cambridgeshire, and;
- b) Note that while numbers of children in care continue to decline, a number of factors are resulting in an increase in placement costs, and;
- c) Note the actions being explored to address placement availability for children and young people in care.

## 11. Business Planning Proposals for 2022-27 – Opening update and overview

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the overview and context provided for the 2022-23 to 26-27 Business Plan.

- b) Comment on the list of proposals (set out in section 5.3) and endorse their development.

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

It was resolved to

- a) Note the following updates to the committee agenda plan:
  - i. The 19 October 2021 reserve meeting date being confirmed to be used for business planning.
  - ii. 30 November 2021: New item - Approval to tender for Early Years Provision in Cambridgeshire
- b) Note the training plan.
- c) Appoint Councillor P Slatter as the third committee representative on the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)
- d) Note verbal updates on committee appointments.

Notes:

- (a) Statements in larger type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) Requests for review of a decision can be made as indicated below:-
  - (i) At least 9 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 after the decision has been published and shall specify the reason(s) why the decision should be reviewed.

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