

Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Tuesday 12th March 2024
Published: Thursday 14th March 2024

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. Changes to Committee Membership
To note the appointments of Councillors Goldsack and Gowing on 28th February 2024 and Councillor Coutts on 13th March 2024. They succeed Councillors Costello, Jonas King and Prentice.
2. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest
Apologies for absence were received from Dr A Stone, co-opted member representing the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia.
There were no declarations of interest.
3. Minutes – 16th January 2024
The minutes of the meeting on 16th January 2024 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair. The minutes action log was noted.
4. Petitions and public questions
One public question was received from Councillor Lara Davenport-Ray, Huntingdonshire District Council, and one question was heard from County Councillor Steve Tierney in his capacity as the local member for Wisbech West.

Key decisions

5. Cambridgeshire Holiday Vouchers Scheme

It was resolved to:

- a) agree the scope and operation of the Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme.
- b) agree to utilise up to £3m earmarked for this purpose by Full Council in order to fund the Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme during 2024/25, subject to any government announcement on available national funding.
- c) delegate responsibility for awarding and executing a contract for the provision of the holiday vouchers starting from 1st April 2024 and extension periods to the Executive Director: Children, Education and Families, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee.

6. Education Contracts

It was resolved:

In relation to Early Years Provision:

- a) Delegate responsibility for awarding and executing the contracts for the provision of early years and childcare starting April 2024 – April 2025, and extension periods, to the Executive Director for Children, Education and Families, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee. These are listed below:
 - EY provision at Milton CE Primary School
 - EY provision at Brightfields Children's Centre, Farcet
 - EY provision at Sawtry Infants' School
 - EY and wraparound provision adjacent to Melbourn Primary School
 - EY provision at Caldecote Primary School
 - Wraparound provision at Former Children's Centre, Somersham Education

In relation to Transport Contracts:

- 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 2024, to the Executive Director for Children, Education and Families, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee.

7. Recommissioning of the Healthy Child Programme

It was resolved to commission an integrated service across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in order to maintain the stability of this service, to allow for improvements in delivery to be consolidated and to avoid a dip in performance. The integrated model also allows for greater efficiencies in management costs and greater resilience in the specialist elements of the service. Once a decision is agreed on this, further papers will be brought to CYP Committee to consider 'the service

model and what to include' in the 0-5 and 5-19 elements of the HCP and the approach to commissioning, which will look at options including Section 75 Agreements, procurement using the new Provider Selection Regime or In-house options.

8. Adoption Support Fund Purchasing Framework

It was resolved to:

- a) approve the proposal for the implementation of the Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System.
- b) delegate 'Authority to Award' to the **Executive Director Children, Education and Families Service** ~~Director for Fostering, Adoption & Corporate Parenting with the responsibility for the Regional Adoption Agency~~ in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee, when deciding which providers meet the criteria to join the Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System.
- c) delegate authority to the **Executive Director Children, Education and Families Service** ~~Director for Fostering, Adoption & Corporate Parenting with the responsibility for the Regional Adoption Agency~~ in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee, to approve that call offs can be made from the Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System when an opportunity arises at short notice.
- d) delegate authority to the **Executive Director Children, Education and Families Service** ~~Director for Fostering, Adoption & Corporate Parenting with the responsibility for the Regional Adoption Agency~~, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee, to award contracts when a call off from the PDPS has been made and the most suitable provider has been identified.

Other decisions

9. Finance Monitoring Report January 2024

The report was noted.

10. Corporate Performance Report Quarter 3

It was resolved to note and comment on the performance information, and act as necessary.

11. Children, Education and Families Directorate Risk Register

The report was noted.

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

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the committee agenda plan.**
- b) Note the committee training plan.**
- c) Appoint Councillor M Atkins as a member of the East of England Local Government Association Children's Services and Education Portfolio-Holder Network**
- d) Appoint Councillor M Atkins as a substitute member of the F40 Group.**

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, Resources and Performance 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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