

Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 30 November 2021

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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 for absence were received from Councillor Keith Prentice and co-opted member Flavio Vettese. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes – 19 October 2021 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

4. Action to Address Continued Recruitment Challenges in Children's Services

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the details of the urgent decision to award a contract for the supply of staffing on an interim basis, as set out in Exempt Appendix 2.
- b) Note and comment on the measures being taken to improve the permanent recruitment and retention of our staff.

5. Finance Monitoring Report – October 2021

The Committee resolved to review and comment on the report.

6. Review of Draft Revenue and Capital Business Planning Proposals for 2022-27

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the progress made to date and next steps required to develop the business plan for 2022-2027.
- b) Comment on **and endorse** the budget and savings proposals that are within the remit of the Committee as part of consideration of the Council's overall Business Plan.
- c) Comment on **and endorse** the proposed changes to the capital programme that are within the remit of the Committee as part of consideration of the Council's overall Business Plan.
- d) Note the updates to fees and charges for 2022-23.

7. Establishment of a new primary school at Waterbeach New Town (formerly Waterbeach Barracks)

It was resolved to:

Endorse Anglian Learning Trust as the Council's preferred sponsor for the first primary school to serve the Waterbeach New Town development.

8. Framework for Early Years Provision

It was resolved to:

Endorse the development of a childcare provider framework.

9. Service Director Report – Education

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the report, comment on the elements of the report and request any further information on the areas outlined;
- b) Note the agreement from the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee on the wider support scheme for the Household Support Grant;
- c) Note that the Director of Education and Head of Procurement will be awarding a contract for the Christmas voucher scheme using the RM6255 for the Household Support Grant.

10. Free School Proposal – Wisbech Secondary School

It was resolved:

- a) To recommend to the Strategy and Resources Committee that a risk is identified in the corporate risk register around the non-delivery of free schools; and agree to fund required school places if free school projects approved through the DfE's central Free School Programme were not to proceed and the Council has an identified basic need for places in the area that school would serve.

- b) **If the DfE withdraw from the Wisbech free school process, the Committee will seek to recommence the free school presumption process if there is sufficient demand for a new school (assuming four form entry is the minimum viable number).**
- c) **To write to the DFE to say that a free school on the existing Thomas Clarke Academy site is an unsuitable location.**

11. Schools Revenue Funding Arrangements 2022-23

It was resolved to:

Review and comment on the report.

12. Children and Young People Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels

The Committee noted its agenda plan, training plan and committee appointments.

(Chair)