

Children and Young People Policy and Service Committee Decision Statement



Meeting Date: Tuesday 9 October 2018

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Decision review deadline: Tuesday 16 October 2018

Implementation of Decisions not called in: Wednesday 17 October 2018

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 eight members of General Purposes Committee. [see note on decision review below].

Item	Topic	Decision
	<u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u>	
1.	Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest	Apologies were received from Flavio Vettese. There were no declarations of interest.
2.	Notification of a change in Committee membership	Councillor David Ambrose Smith replaces Councillor David Wells.
2.	Minutes of the meeting on 11 September 2018	The minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
3.	Action Log	The Action Log was reviewed and verbal updates noted.
4.	Petitions	No petitions were received.
	<u>KEY DECISIONS</u>	
5.	Exemption and delegation to award for Looked After Children and Independent Special Educational Needs.	It was resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) give approval to Commission, and delegate authority to the Executive Director for People and Communities to award the above Dynamic Purchasing System; b) give approval to seek to spot purchase Independent Fostering Agency placements using the existing specification and individual placement agreement for a period of

		<p>up to six months, to 30.6.2019;</p> <p>c) give approval to seek an exemption to spot purchase Independent Non Maintained Special Schools using the National Association for Special Schools Contract and Schedule 2 Agreement for individual placement agreements for a further 6 months, to 30.6.2019.</p>
	<u>OTHER DECISIONS</u>	
6.	The Bellbird Primary School, Sawston: Proposed Expansion	This item was deferred to the meeting on 13 November 2018.
7.	Finance and Performance Report- August 2018	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) review and comment on the report;</p> <p>b) request that the General Purposes Committee allocate up to £3.413m from the smoothing fund reserve towards pressures in children’s services budgets in 2018-19.</p>
8.	Service Committee Review of the Draft Capital Programme 2019-20	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) note the overview and context provided for the 2019-20Capital Programme for People & Communities (P&C);</p> <p>b) comment on the draft proposals for P&C’s 2019-20 Capital Programme and endorse their development, with the exception of the Eastfield and Westfield capital scheme as this is the subject of a separate options appraisal which will be considered by the Committee at its meeting in November 2018;</p> <p>c) agree that, following the Programme’s adoption by full Council, where it proves necessary for new schemes to be added to the Capital Programme for the reasons identified in sections 5.10 and 5.11, these are detailed in the Finance Performance Report for approval initially by the Children and Young People (CYP) Committee and then the General Purposes Committee;</p> <p>d) defer the decision on Spring Common Special School until sufficiency work has been carried out.</p>
9.	Service Committee Review of Draft Revenue Business Planning Proposals for 2019-20	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) note the overview and context provided for the 2019-20 to 2023-24 Business Plan</p>

		<p>revenue proposals for the Service;</p> <p>b) comment on the draft revenue proposals that are within the remit of the Children and Young People Committee for 2019-20 to 2023-24.</p>
10.	<p>Proposal to close the residential children home at Victoria Road, Wisbech.</p>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) note the content of the report;</p> <p>b) accept the recommendation to close the residential children’s home at Victoria Road, Wisbech;</p> <p>c) note that funds released through this decision will be used to contribute to the cost of placements for children in care;</p> <p>d) note that officers are seeking to ensure that as many members of staff affected by this decision are offered alternative employment opportunities as possible.</p>
11.	<p>School Admissions and Transport Outcome Focused Review:</p> <p>Phase 2 Update</p>	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>a) that the Local Authority establishes a Transport board to evaluate the council’s position on its future role in facilitating access to education within the area of Post-16 Education Transport, informed by additional engagement with schools and customers, and that the strategy will be reported to the Children and Young People Committee for final approval;</p> <p>b) make website content more accessible and provide well-timed guidance to residents in order to reduce demand on customer services;</p> <p>c) that resource needs to be dedicated to implement improvements to the systems that the services use in order to streamline processes for the customer, adapt to customer needs, and enable more efficient back-office processes for the team;</p> <p>d) to re-introduce an opt-in system for secondary transport in order to reduce additional unused capacity;</p> <p>e) that Services work more closely together by co-locating the School Admissions and Education Transport team;</p> <p>f) development of more robust reflective practices.</p>
12.	<p>Free School Proposals</p>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) note the latest position regarding Wave 11 and Wave 12 free schools in Cambridgeshire;</p>

		b) note the level of interest with regard to establishing new schools in Cambridgeshire via Wave 13 of the government's central free school programme.
13.	Children' Services Feedback Annual Report 2017-18	It was resolved to: a) consider the content of the report and appendix; b) request a further report in 12 months.
14.	Agenda Plan, Appointments and Training Plan	It was resolved to: a) note the following change to the published agenda plan: Placement Sufficiency for Looked After Children: Six Month Update Report deferred to January 2018; b) appoint Councillor Samantha Hoy as the Children and Young People's representative on the Communities and Partnership Committee's Poverty Working 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:-
 - a. At least eight elected members of General Purposes Committee to initiate a review of a decision taken by a Policy and Service Committee.
 - b. 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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