

## Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Tuesday 1 December 2020

Published: Thursday 3 December 2020

Decision Review deadline: Tuesday 8 December 2020

Implementation of Decisions not called in: Wednesday 9 December 2020

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

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

Apologies for absence were noted from Flavio Vettese, representing the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia. There were no declarations of interest.

### 2. Minutes – 10 November 2020 and action log

The minutes of the meeting on 10 November 2020 were approved as an accurate record. The action log was noted.

### 3. Petitions and public questions

A public question was received from Councillor Anna Smith, Cambridge City Council, which asked what the County Council would be doing to help ensure the success of the Christmas Free School meals scheme and how this would be monitored. There were no petitions.

### Key decision

### 4. Joint Dynamic Purchasing System for Education and Social Care Transport

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the proposal that Cambridgeshire enters into a Joint Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) with Peterborough City Council, using the ProContract system (Etendering portal/system) already in place in

Cambridgeshire, and that this then becomes the mechanism by which all procurement of Education and Social Care Transport services for both Authorities is undertaken, effective from 1 April 2021, the start of the financial year;

- b) Support the proposal that officers from Cambridgeshire continue to work with Peterborough colleagues to investigate options for delivering a fully integrated specialist transport system and that, in due course, the resulting recommendations are presented to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration and approval; and
- c) Note the changes to the current staffing structure identified as necessary to successfully implement a joint DPS and support the move to a Shared Services model for all aspects of operational delivery of Education and Social Care transport for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

## Other decisions

### 5. Regional Adoption Agency

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree that Cambridgeshire County Council hosts the Regional Adoption Agency on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council and enters into a partnership agreement to that effect to 30 November 2030 and subject to extension as agreed between the two authorities.

### 6. Winter Fund and arrangements to tackle Food and Fuel Poverty

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the arrangements being put in place to support vulnerable families, children and young people at risk of food poverty in Cambridgeshire.
- b) Agree the process for allocating the winter grant as outlined in the presentation.
- c) Note that the council's Section 151 Officer and Chief Executive can instigate emergency powers to award the contract for free school meals vouchers to ensure parents can receive supermarket vouchers prior to the end of term and, if such a decision is taken, will report back to the next meeting of the Committee.
- d) Delegate authority to the Executive Director: People and Communities to deliver the winter grant scheme.

## 7. Service Director's Report – Children and Safeguarding

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the key performance information and actions being taken to continue to improve outcomes in children's services;
- b) Note the continuing work by all in children's services, including our foster carers, to support children, young people and families through the continuing pandemic.

## 8. Finance Monitoring Report – December 2020

It was resolved to:

- a) Review and comment on the report.

## 9. Children and Young People Committee Review of Draft Revenue and Draft Capital business planning proposals 2021/22 to 2025/26

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the progress made to date and next steps required to develop the business plan for 2021-2026
- b) Note the impact of COVID-19 on the Council's financial planning
- c) 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
- d) Endorse the changes to the capital programme that are within the remit of the Committee as part of consideration of the Council's overall Business Plan
- e) Note the updates to fees and charges for 2021-22

## 10. Housing related Support: Update

It was resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the update provided

## 11. Children and Young People Committee agenda plan, training plan and appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups

## 12. It was resolved to:

- a) Note the following changes to the agenda plan:
  - i. New item: January 2021 – School Holiday Clubs (subject to Government announcements)
  - ii. Housing Related Support: Deferred from January to March 2021
- b) Note the training plan.
- c) Note that committee appointments to outside bodies and internal advisory groups remained unchanged.

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 General Purposes 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 3 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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