

Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Tuesday 14 January 2025
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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 David Ambrose-Smith, Councillor Alex Bulat (substituted by Councillor Catherine Rae) Councillor Mark Goldsack (substituted by Councillor Steve Count) Councillor Samantha Hoy and Jon Young.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes – 26 November 2024 and minutes action log

The minutes of the meeting on 26 November 2024 were approved as an accurate record. The minutes action log was noted.

3. Public questions and Petitions

There were no public questions or petitions.

4. Corporate Parenting Strategy 2025-30

It was resolved unanimously to:

agree the updated corporate parenting strategy 2025-2030 as set out in Appendix 1.

5. Schools and Early Years Revenue Funding Arrangements 2025/26

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) approve the formula factors and draft unit values to be applied in the local Cambridgeshire funding formula, for primary and secondary mainstream schools as set out in Appendix A.
- b) approve the proposed hourly rates for Early Years settings as detailed in section 6.3.

6. Recommissioning Children's Occupational Therapy Services

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) agree for the Council to enter into a new Section 75 Agreement, with CCS, from 1st April 2025, for a term of 12 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.
- b) agree the target budget of £667,306.80, which is a reduction of 10% on the previous costs.
- c) delegate authority for awarding and executing a Section 75 agreement for the provision of Children's Occupational Therapy starting 1st 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.
- d) note the relevance of other viable models that could be implemented to deliver Children's Occupational Therapy provision in the longer-term.

7. Early Years and Childcare Contracts 2025 -2026

It was resolved unanimously to:

Delegate responsibility for awarding and executing the contracts for the provision of early years and childcare in the financial year April 2025 – April 2026, 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.

- a) a five-year contract (with the potential to extend for five years) for early years provision at Burgess Road, Waterbeach, valued at £1,833,120 (5+5 years).
- b) a five-year contract (with the potential to extend for five years) for early years provision at Limes Road, Hardwick, valued at £1,985,880 (5+5 years).

- c) a five-year contract (with the potential to extend for five years) for early years provision at Upwood Primary Academy, Upwood, valued at £2,902,440 (5+5 years).
- d) a five-year contract (with the potential to extend for five years) for early years provision at School Lane, Ramsey, Huntingdon, valued at £2,749,680 (5+5 years).
- e) a five-year contract (with the potential to extend for five years) for wraparound provision at Stilton Primary School valued at £597,816 (5+5 years).
- f) a five-year contract (with the potential to extend for five years) for early years provision at Grange Lane, Littleport valued at £3,819,000 (5+5 years).
- g) a five-year contract (with the potential to extend for five years) for early years provision at 9 Main Road, Parson Drove, Wisbech, valued at £1,222,080 (5+5 years).
- h) a five-year contract (with the potential to extend for five years) for early years provision at Murrow Bank, Murrow, Wisbech St Mary, valued at £2,291,400 (5+5 years).

8. Business Plan and Budget 2025-26-2029-30

It was resolved to:

- a) consider and scrutinise the proposals relevant to this Committee within the Business plan and Budget 2025-26 - 2029-30 put forward by the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee, 17 December 2024.
- b) recommend changes and /or actions for consideration by the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee at its meeting on 28 January 2025 to enable a business plan and budget to be proposed to Full Council on 11 February 2025.
- c) receive the fees and charges schedule for this Committee included at appendix 2.

9. Determined Admissions Arrangements for the 2026-27 academic year

It was resolved unanimously to:

determine the co-ordinated qualifying scheme and admission arrangements for all schools for whom the Council, as the Local Authority, is the admission authority as published in the consultation documents for admission to school in 2026/27.

10. Education Performance

It was resolved to note the findings of this paper and comment as appropriate

11. Children and Young People Committee agenda plan, training plan, committee appointments and Local Authority school governor appointments

It was resolved to:

- a) note the Agenda Plan, Training plan and school governor appointments.**

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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