

Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Tuesday 9 March 2021

Published: Thursday 11 March 2021

Decision Review deadline: Tuesday 16 March 2021

Implementation of Decisions not called in: Wednesday 17 2021

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 received from Councillor L Nethsingha, substituted by Councillor Henry Batchelor, and from Flavio Vettese, co-opted member representing the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia.

A declaration of interest was made by Councillor J Whitehead in relation to Item 4: Delivery of Early Years Provision to serve Abbey Ward in that she had been a member of a working party on the Barnwell Hub since 2013.

2. Minutes – 19 January 2021 and action log

The minutes of the meeting on 19 January 2021 were approved as an accurate record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and public questions

Four public questions were received in relation to Item 4: Delivery of Early Years Provision to serve Abbey Ward and one public question in relation to secondary school provision in St Neots. No petitions were received.

Key decisions

4. Delivery of Early Years Provision to serve Abbey Ward

It was resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the report and consider each option for the future delivery of sessional (pre-school) early years provision to serve the Abbey ward in Cambridge City, in particular taking account of officers' assessment that the Council will continue to be able to meet its duty to secure sufficient and suitable early years places irrespective of which option is implemented.
- b) Note the views of the Local Member.
- c) Endorse the officer recommendation that that the provision, currently provided by Seesaw Pre-school, remain in its current accommodation on the site of Galfrid Primary School.

5. Housing Related Support Services

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree the proposed Procurement Approach.
- b) Approve the recommissioning of Housing Related Support services for young people for a contract period of seven years and total value of £11,253,935.
- c) Agree to delegate the responsibility to award the contract to the Executive Director of People and Communities, in consultation with the Chair of the Children and Young People Committee.

Other decisions

6. Finance Monitoring Report

It was resolved to review and comment on the report.

7. Service Director's Report: Children and Safeguarding

It was resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the key performance information and actions being taken to continue to improve outcomes in children's services.
- b) Note and comment on 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. Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the good performance in relation to the general population of young people in Cambridgeshire in respect of those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).
- b) Note the positive signs of impact of the renewed focus on reducing the number of young people in care and who are leaving care who are NEET.
- c) Support monitoring of continuing impact of the NEET reduction action plan for young people in care and leaving care by the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee.

9. Best Start in Life Update

It was resolved to note and comment on the continued progress of the Best Start in Life Programme.

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

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the agenda plan.
- b) Note the training plan.
- c) Note that committee appointments to outside bodies and internal advisory groups remained unchanged.

Addition to the published agenda under the special urgency arrangements set out in the Constitution:

n/a Exemption to Contract Procurement Rules Request

It was resolved to agree to an exemption waiver on 274 home to school contracts for a period of one year.

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 nine 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 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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