

Children and Young People Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Tuesday 19 January 2021

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Decision Review deadline: Tuesday 26 January 2021

Implementation of Decisions not called in: Wednesday 27 January 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

There were no apologies for absence or declarations of interest.

2. Minutes – 1 December 2020 and action log

The minutes of the meeting on 1 December 2020 were approved as an accurate record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and public questions

There were no petitions or public questions.

Key decisions

4. School Building Standards and Specifications

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the proposal that the Council adopt the updated average of the range published in the National Schools Benchmarking Data Report (NSDBR) comparison measures as the target cost per square metre for the construction of school buildings, for both new builds and extensions.
- b) Reaffirm the decision taken in the Autumn of 2019 to use DfE BB103 area guidelines, but allow the use of the flexibility it provides to ensure that the building solution best reflects the educational requirements of the school on a project by project basis.
- c) Adopt the DfE building output specification subject to agreement of the variations set out in section 2.4 of the report.

- d) Agree that the costs of meeting policy and regulatory requirements on climate change, the environment and planning that fall outside the standards adopted in a) to c) above are identified separately with additional capital investment subject to the satisfactory conclusion of a supporting business case. That for existing school buildings, central Government grants continue to be sought to fund the replacement of gas and oil heating systems with more sustainable solutions.
- e) Agree that current work continues on establishing a needs-based budget for school maintenance and condition works for consideration in the 2021/22 annual review of the capital programme.
- f) Agree that any change on the current policy in terms of the provision of fire suppression measures in new and extended schools (sprinklers) await the conclusion of the current DfE review of fire management policy for schools

5. Schools and Early Year's Funding Arrangements

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the formula factors and 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 5.2.

Other decisions

6. Finance Monitoring Report

It was resolved to review and comment on the report.

7. Service Director's Report: Education

It was resolved to note the issues outlined in the paper and comment as appropriate.

8. Determined Admissions Arrangements 2022/23

It was resolved to:

- a) 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 2022/23.
- b) Support the proposal that a full and comprehensive review of the determined admission arrangements for all own admission authority schools is undertaken. This should include the published definitions of existing school

catchment areas and admission policies for schools with a sixth form. Any issues, or concerns should be highlighted, recorded and shared with the respective admission authority for the school with a view to these being addressed immediately, where they are in breach of legislation, or as part of the annual consultation process for admission to school in 2023/24 which will commence in the autumn term of 2021.

9. Elective Home Education

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the information and data provided with the aim of highlighting any issues and concerns regarding the data, and the approach being taken in Cambridgeshire to support this cohort.
- b) Support the proposal for a compulsory Elective Home Education registration system, which will potentially be a recommendation from the recent Education Select Committees call for evidence on Elective Home Education (sections 2.4, 2.4 & 5.5)
- c) Communicate the proposal of a compulsory Elective Home Education registration system to Ministers and appropriate Cabinet Members.

10. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Annual Report 2019/ 20

It was resolved to receive and note the content of the 2019/ 20 annual report.

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

- a) Note the agenda plan.
- 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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