

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services, Looked after Children, Safeguarding for Children and Young People, Schools and Early Years:-

MONDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 2021

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

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| Councillor Galloway | - Executive Cabinet Member – Children's Services |
| Councillor Donaghy | - Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor McGeown | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Sanders | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Wright | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Fletcher | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

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| Mr P. Rankin | - Deputy Director of Children's Services |
| Ms G. Whitehead | - Assistant Director of Children's Services – Inclusive Education and Learning |
| Ms T. Minshull | - Assistant Director for Commissioning |
| Mr I. Walker | - Assistant Director of Children's Services - Children's Social Care and Early Help |
| Ms L. Hargreaves | - Principal Group Accountant |
| Ms A. Kelly | - Senior Lawyer |
| Mrs. S. Bailey | - Principal Democratic Services Officer |

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

22. REVIEW OF HARVEY NURSERY POST CONSULTATION REPORT

Further to Minute 14 of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services held on 13th September, 2021, the Director of Children's Services submitted a report which set out the results of consultation on proposals to review Harvey Nursery and sought approval to implement the final proposals.

Consultation on the proposed changes to the service was carried out for a period of 30 days from 20th September, 2021. A summary of the key issues raised during consultation and the response from management was included at Appendix 2 of the report.

The formal Trades Unions response to the proposals was attached in full at Appendix 3.

The report now sought approval to implement the final proposals on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

- (i) The final proposals, having due regard to the consultation feedback and the Equality Impact Assessment;**
- (ii) The closure of Harvey Nursery in response to ongoing budget pressures at the end of the academic year August 2022; and**

- (iii) Subject to the approval of the Head of Paid Service, the delegation of the implementation of the closure, including details of redundancy arrangements, to the Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services.**

In accordance with Article 5 of the Council's Constitution, this decision was called in by Councillor Donaghy for consideration by the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.