

CHILDREN

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

MONDAY, 9th JULY, 2018

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

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| Councillor Cunliffe | - Executive Cabinet Member – Children |
| Councillor C. Wild | - Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Hornby | - Minor Opposition Spokesman |
| Councillor Flitcroft | - Minor Opposition Spokesman |

Officers

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| Mr P. Rankin | - Assistant Director, Performance, Planning and Resources |
| Mr T. Birch | - Assistant Director – Education and Learning |
| Mr A Crook | - Assistant Director – Commissioning and Integration |
| Ms S. Longden | - Consultant in Public Health |
| Ms L. Butcher | - Head of Finance |
| Mr S. Berryman | - Service Manager |
| Mrs S. Bailey | - Principal Democratic Services Officer |

1. FINANCIAL MONITORING OUTTURN REPORT 2017/18

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which provided information relating to the financial position for Children's Services for the 2017/18 Financial Year.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

2. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER FOUR 2017/18

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which gave an update on the latest available 2017/18 performance information for the Children's Services section of the People Department.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR POSTS

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which sought approval to establish two posts of Financial Administrator (Grade 3) to deliver capacity across the Children's, Adults and Public Health Commissioning and Financial Income Assessment Areas.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health on 9th July, 2018 and Corporate Resources on 16th July, 2018.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED, subject to the approval of the Executive Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health and Corporate Resources, the establishment of the posts, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSIONING OFFICER POST

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which sought approval to establish a post of Commissioning Officer (Grade 8) to deliver capacity across the Children's, Adults and Public Health Commissioning Service.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health on 9th July, 2018 and Corporate Resources at his meeting on 16th July, 2018.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED, subject to the Executive Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health and Corporate Resources, the establishment of a Commissioning Officer post, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

5. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TRANSPORT – POLICY REVIEW

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which outlined the outcome of a recent consultation exercise on proposals to amend the Special Educational Needs Transport Policy to comply with current legislation and put forward subsequent recommendations for approval.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the responses to the consultation in respect of the Council's proposals, as outlined in Appendix B to the report; and APPROVED-

The revised SEN Transport Policy, as detailed at Appendix A to the report, and the phased approach to its implementation from September, 2018.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 1 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.

6. PENALTY NOTICE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which outlined proposals for updating the penalty notice code of

conduct in relation to the criteria used for issuing fines for periods of irregular attendance.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The reduction in the number of sessions for issuing education related penalty notices for irregular attendance, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

7. PROPOSED REVIEW OF THE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT SERVICE

The Interim Director of submitted a report which outlined proposals to review the Behaviour Support Service in light of significant reductions to income from 1st April, 2018.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources at his meeting on 16th July, 2018.

The Executive Member APPROVED –

The report for the purposes of consultation with Trades Unions, staff and stakeholders.

8. START WELL CHILDREN'S ADVISORY BOARDS

The interim Director of People submitted a report which sought approval for proposals for a revised model of Start Well Children's Centre Advisory Boards.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

(i) The implementation, from June, 2018, of the proposed revised model and membership of three Start Well Children's Centre Advisory Boards (North, South and West localities) on the basis detailed in the report now submitted; and

(ii) That Elected Member representation for the Advisory Boards and relevant sub-groups be appointed by the full Council.

9. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR START WELL LINK SITES

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which sought approval to invite expressions of interest for taking over the management of three Start Well Link site buildings.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

(i) The informing of Bolton schools of the opportunity and process to express an interest in taking over the management and full costs of the Start Well buildings at Kearsley Children's Centre, Bright Meadows Link Site and Heaton Link Site; and

(ii) That the invitation be extended, via Bolton Together and CVS, to community and voluntary sector organisations providing services for children and families to submit an expression of interest in the available building if no expressions of interest are received from schools within the agreed timescales.