

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 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

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

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

Officers

Ms. B. Brown	- Director of People
Mr. P. Rankin	- Assistant Director Planning, Performance and Resources
Ms. L. Butcher	- Head of Finance
Mr. I. Walker	- Assistant Director Staying Safe
Mrs. V. Ridge	- Democratic Services Manager

11. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

12. PEOPLE SERVICES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER ONE

The Director of People submitted a report which provided an update on the latest available 2020-2021 performance information for the People Services Department.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and report 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.

13. EARLY HELP REVIEW

The Director of People Services submitted a report which set out proposals for the establishment of an Early Help Service as part of the wider Children's Services arrangements.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the proposals detailed in the report were for consultation only at this stage. It was intended that the proposals would be the subject of an appropriate period of formal consultation with trade unions and staff. Following the close of consultation, proposals would be amended to take account of the responses received and alternatives put forward as appropriate. It was anticipated that a final report would come forward in late November, 2020 and implementation of the final proposals would commence immediately.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

CC3

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the proposals in relation to the establishment of an Early Help Service for consultation purposes.