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9. **Recommendations from Cabinet 11 July 2023 – Private- Residential Children's Homes Strategy 2023-2026** (Pages 3 - 6)

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## Agenda Item 14 Council – 18 July 2023

### Recommendation from Cabinet 11 July 2023

#### Coventry City Council

#### Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 July 2023

##### Present:

Cabinet Members: Councillor G Duggins (Chair)  
Councillor R Brown  
Councillor K Caan  
Councillor J O'Boyle  
Councillor K Sandhu  
Councillor P Seaman  
Councillor P Hetherton

Non-Voting Deputy  
Cabinet Members: Councillor S Agboola  
Councillor P Akhtar  
Councillor G Hayre  
Councillor A Jobbar  
Councillor G Lloyd

Non-Voting Opposition  
Members: Councillor S Gray  
Councillor P Male  
Councillor R Simpson

Other Non-Voting  
Members: Councillor N Akhtar  
Councillor R Auluck  
Councillor R Lakha  
Councillor C E Thomas

##### Employees (by Service):

Chief Executive J Nugent

Business, Investment and  
Culture S Weir

Children's Services N Macdonald (Interim Director), A Whitrick

Finance B Hastie (Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer),  
P Jennings, T Pinks

Law and Governance J Newman (Chief Legal Officer), S Bennett

Streetscene and  
Regulatory Services

R Back, C Styles

Transportation and  
Highways

C Knight (Director of Transportation and Highways),

Apologies:

Councillor L Bigham  
Councillor AS Khan  
Councillor D Welsh

Councillors L Harvard, C Miks, S Nazir, Ridley

## **Public Business**

### **7. Declarations of Interest**

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

### **9. Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet agrees to exclude the press and public under Sections 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to the private report in Minute 17 below headed 'Residential Children's Homes Strategy' on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as it contains information relating the identity, financial business affairs of an organisation and the amount of expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Council under a particular contract for the supply of goods or services, and in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## **Private Business**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **17. Children's Residential Children's Home Strategy**

Further to Minute 14 above, the Cabinet considered a private report of Interim Director of Children's Services which set out the commercially confidential matters relating to the Residential Children's Homes Review and Strategy 2023-2026.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:

- 1. Approves the Residential Children's Homes Review and Strategy 2023-2026 appended at Appendix 1 of this report.**

- 2. Delegates authority to the Director of Children's Services following consultation with the Chief Operating Officer (section 151 officer) and the Chief Legal Officer to undertake the necessary due diligence (including the power to enter into any necessary legal agreement) required to facilitate the following:**
  - a) Purchase land and build an additional children's home for the purpose of accommodating four looked after children with a disability**
  - b) Purchase land and re-build an existing short breaks children's home (Broad Park House) for the purpose of accommodating children with disabilities and additional needs**
  - c) Purchase and renovate two properties to open two additional children's homes for the purpose of accommodating looked after children whose needs are best met within this type of provision**
- 3. Delegates authority to the Director of Children's Services following consultation with Chief Operating officer and Chief Legal Officer to (where required) commence all necessary procurement for works or services necessary to bring into effect the recommendations set out in 1 and 2 above.**
- 4. Recommends that Council approve capital expenditure of up to the sum identified in the report to be met from prudential borrowing which shall be utilised solely for the delivery of the recommendations set out in 1-3 above as well as the objectives set out in the Residential Children's Homes Review and Strategy 2023-2026 which is appended to this report.**

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