

Gravesham Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) on Tuesday, 12 March 2013

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Apologies	An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lepoidevin (Shadow Cabinet Member).
A2	Declarations of Interests	There were no declarations of interest.
A3	Minutes	<p>(a) The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2013, were signed as a true record.</p> <p>(b) There were no matters arising.</p>
A4	Report on Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull Adoption Conference on 21 January 2013	<p>RESOLVED that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People): -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the benefits of holding this conference. 2. Recognised the good work being done by the Coventry Adoption service. 3. Agreed that a further sub-regional conference should be held in 2014 to continue to promote adoption. 4. Requested officers to work with their colleagues in Solihull and Warwickshire on how the recruitment and assessment of adopters could be improved through working more closely together. 5. Requested officers to write to the Minister and Shadow Minister for Children and Families inviting them to be key note speakers at the conference next year.

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A5	Implementation of Multi-Systemic Therapy and the KEEP Programme	<p>RESOLVED that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People): -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supported the steps undertaken since November 2011, to successfully implement the MST and KEEP programme in Coventry. 2. Acknowledged the financial changes from the national government in the final year (2014/15) funding for both programmes. 3. Agreed to receive updates every 6 months on performance and outcomes of both the MST and KEEP programme. 4. Referred the report to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board for information and consideration as part of their consideration of foster carers and edge of care services.
A6	Update on the progress on the implementation of the Fundamental Service Review within the Children, Learning & Young People's Directorate	<p>RESOLVED that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People): -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the progress made with the implementation of the fundamental service review and that implementation is now largely complete. 2. Noted the outcomes achieved to date. 3. Noted that this impact of some changes were still to be felt and requested

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		a further update report after a further six months.
A7	Outstanding Issues Report	There were no outstanding issues.
A8	Any Other Business	
A9	The Adoption and Fostering Service/Family Placement Service	<p align="center">RESOLVED that after due consideration of the briefing note and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) approved that consideration be given to the reintroduction of respite for foster carers in exceptional circumstances where it could prevent the breakdown of a placement and aid the retention of experienced foster carers.</p>