



Coventry City Council

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# **SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

**WEEK COMMENCING 6 April 2015**

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS  
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2015**

**10 April 2015**

# Public Business

- Denotes items that have been referred to Audit and Procurement Committee.
- # Denotes items that are to be referred to Council. Accordingly Call-in does not apply.
- ◆ Denotes a matter where the associated report has already been considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a Scrutiny Board. Where this body has endorsed the recommendations or made recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet/Cabinet Member Call-in does not apply.
- \* Denotes other items that have been referred to, or considered by, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a specific Scrutiny Board.
- Split recommendations. Please see note at foot of item for details of the recommendations that are not subject to call-in.

Note: The Limitations on Call-in are set out at the end of this sheet.

## Cabinet Member for Children and Young People – 7 April 2015

### Report 4 Supported Accommodation for Young People Aged 16 – 24 years – Multi-agency Action Plan

#### Recommendations:

Cabinet Member is recommended to:

Consider the content of the action plan and provide further recommendations for officers if any additional action required.

#### **The above Recommendation was deleted and replaced with the following:-**

- (1) That the contents of the action plan be noted.
- (2) That officers be requested to arrange an informal meeting for the Cabinet Member and Shadow Cabinet Member with a Supported Accommodation provider, and other relevant parties, at their venue to consider progress in delivery against the action plan.
- (3) That any specifics relating to providers be considered by the Corporate Parenting Board.

## **Report 5 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Redesign Process Update**

### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- 1) Note the findings from the engagement work with stakeholders undertaken to date.
- 2) Support the progression of the initial findings in the development of a final model to be developed and delivered within available resources.

**The above Recommendations were approved, together with the following additional recommendation:-**

- 3) Requests that information relating to the number of referrals to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, together with the expected number of referrals, be included in future reports on this issue.

## **◆Report 6 Recommendations from the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) Task and Finish Group on Fostering**

### **Recommendations:**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People is recommended to accept the following recommendations from the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board.

- 1) That the proposed fee structure for a skills fee per child is implemented following consideration of feedback from foster carers. *(This has already been agreed further to the Cabinet Member Children and Young People minute 27/14)*
- 2) Review the end of year statement and advice provided to foster carers for fostering income and tax implications, to ensure foster carers can easily extract the relevant information for their annual tax returns.
- 3) That additional research and monitoring is done on:
  - a. the affect that any potential drop in income has on the number of staying put places offered to young people over 18,
  - b. the number of young people who would like to stay put and aren't able to as their carers don't offer staying put places,

- c. the statutory requirements and associated funding implications of staying put places.
- 4) That a council tax rebate for Foster Carers in Coventry is not considered at this time.
  - 5) That the Council pursue becoming a Fostering Friendly Employer, ensuring that this is additional to any other family friendly policy the Council may have.
  - 6) That crèche availability whilst training for Foster Carers should be investigated. Existing childcare provision should be the preferred option and 2 year old entitlement should also be considered.
  - 7) To support the Foster Care Support Offer focused on a “team around the child” approach.
  - 8) To strengthen the team around the child ethos and ensure everybody understands the value and responsibilities of each other’s roles.
  - 9) To explore opportunities to influence national social work training programmes to support this culture shift.
  - 10) That the “team around the child” approach is used to appraise social workers.
  - 11) That the Education and Children’s Service Scrutiny Board consider the policy statement on delegations before it goes to the Cabinet Member, at their first meeting of the Municipal Year 2015/16.

**The above Recommendations were approved, subject to the following amendments:-**

**Recommendation 6) was amended to read:-**

- 6) That crèche and parking availability whilst training for foster carers should be investigated. Existing childcare provision should be the preferred option and a 2 year old entitlement should also be considered.

The following additional Recommendation was added:-

- 12) That future reports include details relating to the recruitment and retention of foster carers.

**Report 7 Under 18 Conceptions, Current Situation in Coventry**

**Recommendation**

For the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to note the review of the current data available regarding teenage pregnancy in Coventry, and to endorse the actions outlined in the summary of this paper, aimed at continuing to reduce the teenage conception rate in Coventry.

**The above Recommendation was approved, together with the following additional Recommendation:-**

- (2) That officers be requested to investigate the possibility of commissioning or using available academic support to undertake research on the local factors contributing to Under 18 conception levels.

**Report 8 Workforce Development for Children's Social Care: An update**

**Recommendation:**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People is requested to:-

1. Approve the approach currently been adopted by Workforce Services with regard to the Learning and Development strategy being adopted for our children's social care workforce.

**The above Recommendation was approved.**

**Report 9 Outstanding Issues Report**

**Recommendation:**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People is requested to consider the list of outstanding issues and to ask the Member of the Strategic Management Board or appropriate officer to explain the current position on those which should have been discharged at this meeting or an earlier meeting.

**The above Recommendation was approved.**

## **Report 11 Coventry Children's Centres - Progress Update**

### **Recommendation:**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People is requested to note the progress made against the recommendations, following Children's Centre Ofsted Inspections and request that Officers continue to work to develop the Children's Centre service area in order to move Centres to "Good" or Outstanding" at future Inspections.

### **The above Recommendation was deleted and replaced with the following:-**

That the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in noting with concern that not all of the actions required at the last meeting held on 2 February, 2015 had been completed;-

- (1) Requests that officers continue to work to develop the Children's Centre Service Area in order to move Centres to "Good" or "Outstanding" at future Inspections.
- (2) Commissions, as a matter of urgency, the undertaking of mock inspections/assessments of Ofsted readiness at every Children's Centre, these to be carried out in as short a timeframe as possible, focusing on the findings of the last Ofsted Inspection for each of those Centres and on data registration.
- (3) Requests, as a matter of urgency, that the Head of Regulated Services (Looked After Children and Early Years) contacts the Chief Executives of both University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire and the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust, on behalf of Councillor Ruane, seeking a commitment that their employees fully participate in and attend Ofsted Inspections.

## **Report 12 Adoption Score Card Report**

### **Recommendations:**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People is requested to:

- To note the improvement made in the timeliness of decision making for children requiring adoption and matching and placing of children with their adoptive families.

- Consider the recommendation made by the Scrutiny Board (2) on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 to target recruitment of adopters who are who are able to meet the needs of older children and siblings.
- To prioritise the recruitment and approval of adoptive families that are able to meet the needs of older children and siblings.
- A review of the adoption allowances
- Further work within the service to address the fall out of the adoption grant.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

## **Cabinet Member for Education – 8 April 2015**

### **Report 4 Feedback from the consultation on potential changes to the eligibility policy for transport for children and young people with Special Education Needs and Disabilities**

#### **Recommendation:**

#### **The Cabinet Member (Education) is requested to:**

1. Note the responses received from the consultation and include consideration of these into any further decisions on whether to consult on changes to the eligibility criteria.

**The above Recommendation was approved.**

### **Report 5 Determination of School Terms and Holidays 2016 – 2017**

#### **Recommendations:**

The Cabinet Member for Education is requested to:

- (1) Consider the outcome of the public consultation on School Terms and Holidays and agree a calendar of School Terms and Holidays for 2016/2017.
- (2) Adopt Option 1 as the School Terms and Holidays programme 2016/2017 for Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools and maintained Nursery Schools.

- (3) Invite the Catholic and Church of England Diocesan Authorities and the Governors of Trust Schools and Academies to recommend the same calendar for their schools.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**



## Limitations on Call-in

A call-in will normally be regarded as appropriate **UNLESS:-**

1. it falls within paragraph 18 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 3E of the Constitution) – ie. it relates to:-
  - (a) a matter which is to be determined by the Council.
  - (b) a decision of the Cabinet/Cabinet Member taken as a matter of urgency and the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee (or his/her nominee) had been invited to attend the meeting where the urgent decision had been taken or the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee has previously agreed the need for urgency.
  - (c) a decision made by an employee exercising delegated authority unless it is a key decision
  - (d) decisions of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, the Planning Committee, the Appeals and Appointments Panels and the Audit and Procurement Committee
  - (e) a matter where the associated report has already been considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a Scrutiny Board who have endorsed the recommendations or made recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet/Cabinet Member.
2. The call-in form is not completed correctly.
3. The call-in form is received after the specified time.
4. The reason for the call-in is unclear or does not relate directly to the decision specified on the call-in form.
5. The reason for the call-in is a question, the answer to which can be found in the report relating to the decision which is being called in.



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