

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 17 December 2014 by the Cabinet.

Date notified to all members: Friday 19 December 2014

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Monday 29 December 2014

The decision can be implemented from Tuesday 30 December 2014

Item No

8. ASSESSMENT OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION SERVICES IN SHEFFIELD

8.1 The Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families submitted a report in relation to an assessment of Child Sexual Exploitation Services in Sheffield. A motion was passed at Full Council on 3 September 2014 requesting that an assessment of child sexual exploitation services be undertaken in response to the publication of Professor Alexis Jay's Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham. The report and Executive Summary were presented in response to this request, summarising the activity that had been undertaken in a number of areas.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) agrees the scope and findings of the Assessment into Child Sexual Exploitation Services in Sheffield and agrees with it being presented to Full Council on 7 January 2015;
- (b) endorses the outcomes and following recommendations from the meeting of the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee at its meeting held on 15 December 2014 which considered the report:-

“That the Scrutiny Committee:-

- (i) write to the Crown Prosecution Service (copying in Sheffield MP's) in support of the issues highlighted in the assessment that continuing work is required with the judiciary system to explain the complexities of CSE, to increase the level of knowledge and understanding about the complexities of the issue;
- (ii) write to the Health and Wellbeing Board regarding the Committee's concerns about a lack of resources and appropriateness of services for young people's health pathways;
- (iii) requests specific training in terms of interpretation of figures and statistics to enable proper scrutiny to assist members in their scrutiny

role. This is in line with one of the identified areas for development within the assessment;

- (iv) requests that officers from the Children and Families Service continue to engage with parents and carers as part of the process;
 - (v) requests a copy of the case audit toolkit that was used in the assessment;
 - (vi) write to staff in the Children, Young People and Families portfolio who were involved in the production of the assessment to thank them for their dedication and hard work; and
 - (vii) write to the young people involved in producing the assessment to thank them for their involvement"; and
- (c) requests that the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee:-
- (i) in writing to the Crown Prosecution Service highlight particular issues which needed to be addressed such as the need to speed up the Court process;
 - (ii) in terms of requesting training on statistics, that this be expanded to include understanding what data is available/ different types of data to assist members in their Scrutiny role; and
 - (iii) in the letter to young people outline what had happened as a result of their involvement in addition to thanking them for their involvement.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

- 8.3.1 The report was being presented to Cabinet as part of the governance and scrutiny arrangements to ensure that there was full political oversight of the assessment. Cabinet will need to assure themselves that the scope of the assessment satisfies them that:-
- the current delivery of child sexual exploitation services in Sheffield were sufficiently robust
 - the areas for development identified within the report were appropriate and proportionate

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

- 8.4.1 There were no alternative options presented in the report.

8.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

8.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

8.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Jayne Ludlam, Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families

8.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Children, Young People and Family Support

9. COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY AND THEIR FAMILIES

9.1 The Executive Director, Communities submitted a report in relation to a Commissioning Strategy for services for people with a learning disability and their families.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the Learning Disabilities Commissioning Strategy attached as an appendix to the report as a statement of the Council's vision for the development of care and support services to adults with a learning disability and their families;
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Commissioning to develop the commissioning plans that take forward the intentions and approach set out in the strategy;
- (c) authorises officers to ensure an integrated, whole system approach towards people with a learning disability;
- (d) delegates authority to the Director of Commissioning to take a joint or integrated commissioning approach with the Children, Young People and Families Portfolio (CYPF) and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); and
- (e) notes that implementation of commissioning plans and joint or integrated commissioning approaches will be reported for approval in accordance with the Leader's Scheme of Delegation.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

9.3.1 To enable the Council to set a clear vision for development of services for people with a learning disability in Sheffield. It will provide:

- The medium to long term context for detailed commissioning plans.
- A clear statement of direction to key strategic partners to inform joint and integrated approaches.
- A clear statement of direction to service providers in Sheffield to help inform their own business planning.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

9.4.1 We face a range of opportunities and challenges both in the present and future. To do nothing is not an option. We require a clear Commissioning Strategy to inform our plans, to manage change sensitively and effectively, and to provide a firm foundation for partnership working.

9.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

9.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

9.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Laraine Manley, Executive Director, Communities

9.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care

10. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2014/15 MONTH 6 (AS AT 30/9/14)

10.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing the month 6 monitoring statement on the City Council's Revenue and Capital Budget for 2014/15.

10.2 RESOLVED: That Cabinet:-

(a) notes the updated information and management actions provided by the report on the 2014/15 Revenue budget position and approves:-

- The proposed use of £300-400k of Public Health forecast reduction, as noted in paragraph 68 of the Public Health section of the report
- The balance of the Public Health underspend be considered in the context of the 2015/16 budget savings on public health
- The carry-forward of any underspend of the Local Assistance Scheme (LAS) be carried forward to assist with sustaining a LAS scheme in 2015/16, subject to balancing the overall budget;

(b) in relation to the Capital Programme:

(i) approves the proposed additions to the Capital Programme listed in Appendix 2 of the report, including the procurement strategies and

delegations of authority to the Director of Commercial Services, or nominated officer, as appropriate, to award the necessary contracts following stage approval by Capital Programme Group;

(ii) approves the proposed variations and slippage requests listed in Appendix 2 of the report; and

(c) notes:-

- The latest position on the Capital Programme including the current level of delivery and forecasting performance;
- The four projects listed in Appendix 2 of the report which were due to close and where savings had been achieved and will be returned to the Housing Revenue Account;
- There was no exercise of delegated emergency approval by the Executive; and
- The instances where Cabinet Members, EMT or Directors of service exercise their delegated authority to vary approved amounts.

11.3 Reasons for Decision

11.3.1 To formally record changes to the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme and gain Member approval for changes in line with Financial Regulations and to reset the Capital Programme in line with latest information.

11.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

11.4.1 A number of alternative courses of action were considered as part of the process undertaken by Officers before decisions were recommended to Members. The recommendations made to Members represented what Officers believed to be the best options available to the Council, in line with Council priorities given the constraints on funding and the use to which funding is put within the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme.

10.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

10.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

10.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Eugene Walker, Executive Director, Resources

10.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

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