

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## Removal from Call-in Process ("fast track") Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17

**Subject:** Additional Spend on MAST

**Decision Maker:** Leader, Julie Dore

**Date of Decision:** 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Decision to be removed from Call-in process:-**

(a)

(b)

(c)

Reasons for Urgency

Early intervention/Prevention has been a key component of our service delivery and by providing and expanding the MAST provision, we will be able to intervene quickly to support children and avoid further unnecessary escalation into more expensive type of provision. The nature of the social work referral process means there is always a lag in the true number of cases coming in to the service. Demand for social care is suppressed at the moment as universal services, including schools and GPs, are not yet fully operational. The reduction in referrals and reduced early stage support from MAST and Children's Centres during the pandemic will likely result in more families reaching social care levels than under normal conditions. Ultimately this is likely to lead to a greater number of referrals to social care. We expect an increase in demand as universal services schools, GPs, Hospital start to open from September.

To address the above challenge and to continue with our strategy of early intervention, we want to proceed with recruitment of 22 additional MAST staff before universal services become fully operational to support the increase in demand from new Early Help or Social Care referrals. This additional capacity will ensure the correct support is offered to vulnerable children and families in a timely manner, reducing waiting lists and removing blockers to accessing services.

Delays to proceed with the proposal could mean:

- Increase risk to harm for already vulnerable children as limited capacity to intervene quickly.
- Additional high end social care support required.
- Limited Support for families to mitigate the risk to child development and the impact of social isolation brought on by COVID-19
- Limited capacity to support for families falling into poverty.

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We certify that the above item of business is urgent and that its delay for scrutiny would consequently significantly prejudice the interests of the Council or a third party. (To be signed by an Executive Director and 2 Statutory Officers)



Signed .....

Date ...14.08.2020.

**Executive Director of ...People Services**

Plus any two of the following Statutory Officers:-

Signed ..... Date .....

**Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive)**



Signed .....

Date 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Chief Finance Officer (Executive Director, Resources)**



Signed

Date 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Monitoring Officer (Director of Legal & Governance)**

**Consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member / Chair of the Cabinet**

I confirm that I have been consulted about and support the removal of this item of business from the call-in process.



Signed .....

Date .....14.08.2020.....

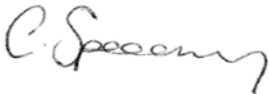
Cabinet Member for ...Children, Young People and Families Health and Social Care, including Safeguarding, Youth Justice, and Early Years, and All age Disability Services, Poverty and Public Health ..

**Lead Officer to Complete**

As Lead Officer (LO), I confirm that I have notified the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee\* detailed below, that the decision is urgent and they are aware that the decision is being removed from the call-in process.

Scrutiny Chair: .....

Scrutiny Committee: .....



LO Signature ... ..

Date ...14.8.2020.

Print Name: Carly Speechley .....

Position: ...Director of Children Services .....

\*In the absence of the Scrutiny Chair, the Lord Mayor / or Deputy Lord Mayor should be notified and recorded above.