

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

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

Subject: Observational Contact provision for Children and Families

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children and Families

Date of Decision: 4th March 2021

Decision to be removed from Call-in process:-

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- 1) Note the current circumstances of the observational contact services.
- 2) Approve the establishment of an in-house service, within the wider Children and Families Service, to arrange and oversee the delivery of observational contact and 'family time' for children in our care and their families.
- 3) Authorise the Executive Director of People Services, in liaison with the Executive Director of Resources, to insource the service, and to establish an implementation and project group with relevant senior officers, to oversee and support the insourcing.

Reasons for Urgency

The main recommendation to the Cabinet Member is that Observational Contact services are insourced. The current service provider is closing down and a tender process has identified no other potential providers of the service. The current contract was due to expire on 31st March 2021, although a short term emergency extension to the contract to 30th June has been approved by the Executive Director of People Services, and agreed with the current service provider, who is preparing to close. The insourcing process will need to be finalised by 30th June. The Cabinet Member decision therefore needs to be implemented promptly to allow sufficient time for the Council and the provider to comply with their obligations to inform and consult in accordance with TUPE, to reduce the risk of service disruption and to ensure continuity of provision of statutory support and services to children and families, which the Council is legally required to provide.

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 ...22.2.21.....

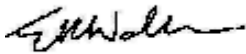
Executive Director of People Services

Plus any two of the following Statutory Officers:-

Signed

Date

Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive)



Signed

Date 22 February 2021

Chief Finance Officer (Executive Director, Resources)

Signed



Date 23 February 2021

Monitoring Officer (Director of Legal & Governance)

Consultation with the Decision Maker

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



Signed

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Date ...22.2.21.....

Cabinet Member for Children and Families

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: Cllr Mick Rooney

Scrutiny Committee: Children, Young People and Family Support

LO Signature *S Martin* Date ...23.2.21.....

Print Name: ...
Sam Martin.....

Position:
Head of Commissioning (Vulnerable People
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*In the absence of the Scrutiny Chair, the Lord Mayor / or Deputy Lord Mayor should be notified and recorded above.