
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People
Date	19 March 2019
Present	Councillor K Myers

9. **Declarations of Interest**

The Executive Member confirmed that he had no personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, nor any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, to declare in the business on the agenda.

10. **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 19 February 2019 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

11. **Public Participation**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

12. **Placement Review**

The Executive Member considered a report which provided an update on the Placement Review, and sought approval for a new training, support and remuneration offer for Foster Carers.

The Principal Officer gave an update and the Executive Member noted that the aim of the Placement Review was to develop options that better met current and future placement needs, offered value for money and improved outcomes for children in care.

In answer to the Executive Member's questions, the Group Manager confirmed that:

- The offer was robust and competitive and included a good remuneration and support package that would enhance our ability to recruit and retain foster carers.

- A number of different consultation approaches were used to ensure a diverse range of feedback was obtained from Foster Carers.

Options available to the Executive Member were as follows:

Option 1 – do nothing. This would not deliver the review outcomes.

Option 2 – implement the new offer at Annex A with no changes. This would deliver the outcomes but not give due weight to Foster Carers' views.

Option 3 – implement the new offer, taking into consideration Foster Carer feedback. This was the recommended option.

Resolved: That Option 3 be approved and the new training, support and remuneration offer for Foster Carers, taking into consideration the Foster Carer consultation feedback at Annex B, be implemented.

Reason: In order to deliver the outcomes of the Placement Review and help to ensure that Foster Carers feel valued and have a sense of ownership of the new offer.

Cllr K Myers, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.04 pm].