

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2023

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 7 February 2023. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Angela Bielby, Democracy Officer.

4. ANNUAL CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY REPORT

Resolved: That;

- i. The Executive Member write to Education Minister concerning the move from automatic allocation to form filling for funded places for 2 year olds and the barrier to access this is causing families.
- ii. The content of the report be noted and agreed before it is shared with elected council members in line with statutory guidance.
- iii. The Executive Member notes the work done by officers to meet with DfE and Regional Organisations to raise York's concerns over funding and retention in the service, and, following on from the consideration of the issue in November, that the final report is briefed to the two local MPs.

Reason: In order to meet statutory guidance.

5. EARLY YEARS STRATEGY

Resolved: That;

- i. The final wording of the Early Years Partnership Board Strategic Plan (Annex 1 of the published report) be delegated to the Assistant Director Education and Skills for completion.
- ii. The Early Years strategic plan and monitoring of the operational delivery of the strategic plan through the work of the Early Years Partnership Board be supported and endorsed by the Executive Member.

Reason: The strategic plan will contribute to the delivery of the council's objective to ensure a better start in life for children and young people.

6. APPRENTICESHIPS UPDATE

Resolved: That;

- i. The content of the report be noted.
- ii. The championing of apprenticeships to support skills development within the council's existing workforce and to recruit new employees be continued.
- iii. Support be given to the continued reporting of Apprenticeship Levy updates on a six-monthly basis.

Reason: To continue to encourage the creation of apprenticeship opportunities in York, by supporting local businesses to access available funding and to support routes to employment for residents.

7. QUARTERLY UPDATE REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

Resolved: That the Quarter 3 update on Children Services and Education.

Reason: In order to be kept up to date on service area priorities.