

**DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2012

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Decision Session – Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People's Services held on Thursday, 25 October 2012. 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 key 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 Jayne Carr, Democracy Officer.

**4. DEVELOPMENT OF A LOOKED AFTER
SUPPORT SERVICE FOR YORK**

RESOLVED: That, subject to the approval of Cabinet, Option 1 (i.e. the proposed refurbishment of 6 Nursery Drive) be approved, on the understanding that the revenue costs of this prudential borrowing be funded from the Adults, Children and Education (ACE) revenue budget.

REASON: The full effect of the service improvement will be achieved by agreeing to option 1 and a single designated site delivering both service improvement and efficiency.

**5. CHILDREN'S HOME PROVISION: PROPOSED
CHANGES TO MODEL OF DELIVERY**

RESOLVED: (i) That option 2 in the report be progressed (i.e. the transfer of local provision and external beds to one organisation through commissioning). A full tendering exercise would then proceed to scope a block contract with a provider to take over the running of

the children's home and leasing of the building and the provision of a defined number of block purchased local and external placements.

- (ii) That the awarding of the contract be delegated to officers subject to it meeting quality standards and achieving the required savings target.

REASON: This option affords the scope for savings without any reduction in the quality of placements.

6. DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICE

RESOLVED: (i) That a new Integrated Family Service be created combining the skills and experience of the Catalyst Family Intervention project workers, three parent support advisors and the family support workers currently placed within social care. This service would sit outside social care and work intensively with families with children on the edge of care or other statutory interventions.

- (ii) That once the new arrangements become established, the Cabinet Member receive regular updates on the service.

REASONS: (i) Rising numbers of looked after children and children subject to a child protection plan highlights the need for a new approach to working with families to prevent issues escalating to this scale. Evidence suggests that intensive work with families, outside of the remit of social care, can be successful.

- (ii) To monitor the effectiveness of the new arrangements.