

Decision Session - Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education

Tuesday, 15 October 2019

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session - Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education held on Tuesday, 15 October 2019. 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 Robert Flintoft, Democracy Officer

4. REVIEW OF FOSTER CARERS UPLIFT

Resolved: (i) That Option 1 be approved and the recommendations of the independent review be adopted in full, as follows:

- a. The council to set out a clear framework for consultation and communication on future decisions on foster carer uplifts, fees and allowances.
- b. The council and York Area Foster Carer Association (YAFCA) to agree a communications strategy to include future developments planned by the council, future consultations and clear channels for YAFCA to raise concerns.
- c. The council to consider implementing the uplift for 2019/20 for those foster carers on level one and two, to strengthen the recruitment strategy.
- d. The council, in partnership with YAFCA, to host an annual conference for foster carers.

- e. YAFCA to consider how as an organisation it can reach all foster carers to offer support and positive working relationships with the council.
- f. The council to consider non-monetary awards for long standing foster carers.

(ii) That any alternative models of reimbursement be dealt with under the consultation framework referred to in point a. above and that an evaluation of the review and the consultation framework, with quantifiable outcomes to consider, be brought back to the Executive Member.

Reason: To ensure that independent best practice is followed.