

## **DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

**MONDAY, 20 JULY 2009**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Decision Session – Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services held on Monday, 20 July 2009. 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. SCHOOL MEALS**

RESOLVED: (i) That the Executive Member approves option 3 (a selling price of £2.15 per primary meal) and the grant be used to fund one off initiatives in accordance with the criteria shown in paragraph 13 of the report including:

- The contingency required to fund the shortfall between the contract price and the cost of providing school meals if take up is lower than that predicted, approximately £20k.
- To fund the introduction of dishwashers in all schools (whether in the catering contract or not) that do not have them (19) as these save on staff time, water and energy consumption, approximately £160k.
- Other one off initiatives at the request of schools or arising out of work with the School Food Trust leaving a modest carry forward for 2010/11.

(ii) That officers be requested to prepare a report on the implications of providing assistance to families in receipt of working tax credits when future school meal prices are set.

(iii) That officers continue to work with schools to promote the take-up of meals and to ensure that those who are eligible are aware of their entitlement to free school meals.

- REASONS:
- (i) To allow for the purchase of equipment to improve the working conditions and efficiency of staff and to enable a lower than anticipated selling price increase (10p instead of 15p).
  - (ii) To promote the take-up of school meals.