

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

**Tuesday, 8 November 2022**

## **Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Children, Education and Young People held on Tuesday, 8 November 2022. 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 Angela Bielby, Democracy Officer.

### **4. CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY REVIEW**

Resolved: That;

- i. The content of the report be noted.
- ii. That the Executive Member, in conjunction with Officers, raise the issue of low funding, recruitment and retention and status of the sector as vulnerable with the Secretary of State for Education.
- iii. That Officers contact Ward Councillors in the Acomb, Bishopthorpe, City Centre, Dringhouses and Woodthorpe, Haxby and Wigginton, Huntington and New Earswick, Rawcliffe and Clifton Without and Rural West Wards about unmet demand.
- iv. That a report on the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment be presented to the Executive Member at his Decision Session in February 2022.

Reason: To acknowledge the challenges faced by the early years and childcare sector in York, regionally and nationally and to escalate to the Secretary of State for Education to implement national solutions and provide continued support with the cost of living.

### **5. EARLY TALK FOR YORK**

Resolved: That;

- i. Support be given to the full rollout of Early Talk for York across the city, and thanks were given to the teams and partners for the strong achievements of the project
- ii. A report measuring the outcomes of the full rollout of Early Talk for York be presented to the Executive Member in one year (November 2023).

Reason: Early Talk for York is demonstrating impact on improving children's outcomes in line with the original Theory of Change. Of particular note is that children's outcomes have continued to improve in the Early Talk for York area during the pandemic window whilst those in other areas have declined. This is particularly so for those children who are disadvantaged. As this work has demonstrated Early Talk for York appears to be an effective way of improving outcomes, particularly for the disadvantaged cohort, a roll out across the city is recommended so more children can benefit from this approach.

## **6. APPRENTICESHIPS UPDATE**

Resolved: That;

- i. The content of the report be noted, and thanks were given to the team for the strong performance increasing CYC apprenticeships and for success with levy transfer.
- ii. Future Apprenticeships Update reports be presented quarterly with the next report to include an update on information to changes in legislation.

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.