

15th June 2020

Agenda Item: 10

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

URGENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DECISION: EARLY YEARS FUNDING FOR THE PRIVATE, VOLUNTARY AND INDEPENDENT CHILDCARE SECTOR DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Purpose of the Report

1. This report advises that urgent approval was given by the Chief Executive on 1st April 2020 to secure emergency funding of £300,000 to enable Private Voluntary and Independent (PVI) early years settings to continue to provide funded childcare for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds during a three week period which included the Easter holidays.

Information

2. Full details regarding this decision made under the Urgency Procedure rules of the Council's Constitution are contained in **Appendix 1**.

Other Options Considered

3. No other options were considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. The Council's Constitution requires that any decisions made under the Urgency Procedure rules must be reported to the next available meeting of the relevant Committee.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee notes that urgent approval was given by the Chief Executive on 1st April 2020 to secure emergency funding of £300,000 to enable Private Voluntary and Independent (PVI) early years settings to continue to provide funded childcare for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds during a three week period which included the Easter holidays.

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Constitutional Comments (EP 01/06/20)

7. Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (SAS 02/06/20)

8. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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