

CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

14 December 2022

Present:-

Councillors J Hart (Chair), R Croad, A Davis, R Gilbert, S Hughes,
A Leadbetter, J McInnes (Vice-Chair), A Saywell and P Twiss

Members attending in accordance with Standing Order 25

Councillors F Letch MBE and C Whitton

Councillors Aves, Brazil and Wrigley were in remote attendance.

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2022 be signed as a correct record.

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Childcare Sufficiency Assessment - Annual Return

RESOLVED the Report be welcomed and endorsed.

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Children's Scrutiny - SEND Task Group (Minute *68)

RESOLVED

(a) that the Children's Scrutiny Committee be thanked for its commitment to the Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) of children, young people and their families in Devon and for the work of the Task Group;

(b) that, as requested, the Cabinet Member will write to the Secretary of State for Education, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and will continue to work with the F40 group to ensure fair funding for the children and young people of Devon, and

(c) that Cabinet thanks the Scrutiny Committee for the Report and that it is forwarded to the SEND Improvement Board for information.

* 8 **Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee - Treasury Management Stewardship Mid Year Report**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee be thanked for their review of the Mid-Year Stewardship Report for the 2022/23 financial year and it be further endorsed and welcomed.

* 9 **Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee - Future Management of Local Bus Services**

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport;

(a) writes to the Secretary of State for Transport to ask that the Local Transport Funding paid to local authorities to support services while they recover from the pandemic, is extended beyond the expiry date of March 2023; and

(b) continues to take every opportunity to encourage Government to continue to support local bus services through additional funding.

* 11 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the following be endorsed:
Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee – 19 October 2022

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education – 7 November 2022

Devon Audit Partnership – 1 December 2022

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Leadbetter, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hart and

RESOLVED

(a) that in relation to the Devon Education Forum of the 23 November 2022, minute 69(a) relating to proposals for the 2023-24 schools' revenue funding formula be endorsed.

(b) that minute 69(b) be noted relating to the Forum's decision not to support the transfer 0.5% to the HNB and that a disapplication request to the Secretary of State had been submitted to overturn this decision.

* 13 **Forward Plan**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet reviewed the Forward Plan and determined those items of business to be defined as key and framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting onwards reflecting the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

* 14 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely the financial or business affairs of persons tendering for the provision of council goods or services, and in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

* 15 **Children's Centres - Contract Extension**

RESOLVED that the direct award of a 12-month contract from the 1st of April 2023 to 31st March 2024 for the provision of a targeted Children Centre Services for children aged 0-8 years and their families across Devon, with the current provider Action for Children (AfC) be agreed and the management actions proposed from AfC, as outlined in recommendation (b) of the Report, be further endorsed.