

Annex 1

COMMITTEES-IN-COMMON SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. PROCUREMENT OF BETTER CARE FUND CARERS SERVICES

i) Details of decision

That the Procurement plan for Carers services be approved.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Improving support for and the experience of carers is a key objective of Government as set out in the National Carers Action Plan 2018-2020 and locally in the Surrey Adult Carers Strategy 2021-2024 and the Young Carers Strategy 2021 -2024, due to be published in November 2021. Supporting, empowering and enabling carers to look after their physical health and wellbeing is be a priority; providing a responsive breaks service for adult carers in Surrey is a key tool in meeting this priority. Support that prevents the escalation of need through early intervention enables carers to protect their own health and wellbeing and cost effectively reduces the need for statutory services.

In relation to Children's services, the procurement of the young carers provision will seek to support, advocate, raise awareness and recognition of young carers, whilst seeking to reduce the inequalities linked to being a young carer.

2. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SERVICE: CONTRACT EXTENSION

(i) Details of decision

That the extension of community connections contracts by one further year so that these contracts will then expire on 31 March 2023 be approved.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Community connections services are an integral part of the mental health support offer for Surrey citizens; they deliver value for money services that improve people's outcomes. The Covid-19 pandemic, changing organisational structures and delivery models, and uncertainty about future mental health need has highlighted the necessity of taking more time to enable a more integrated approach to delivering community connections in the future, with opportunities to explore alliance models and expanding the service offer.

3. COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT SERVICE CONTRACT AWARD 2021

(i) Details of decision

That the contract award for the re-provision of the Community Equipment Service to the most successful bidder based on evaluation based of quality and price be approved.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The Community Equipment Service is a statutory service for the provision of health and social care equipment and therefore has been through a thorough procurement process to identify the next contract provider to ensure service continuation from 1 April 2022.

4. PROVISION OF ADVOCACY SERVICES IN SURREY

(i) Details of decision

- a. That the Commissioning and Procurement Strategy for this service(s) for Advocacy Services in Surrey commencing 1 April 2022 be approved.
- b. That through this tender process, contract(s) will be put in place and the proposed contracts term are for three years plus the option to extend for up to two years. This tender will result in the award of contract(s) to deliver Surrey-wide Independent Advocacy services.
- c. That award to the organisation(s) evaluated to be the most suitable while offering value for money to the Council through a competitive procurement process and the decision of final contract award to come back to Committees-in-Common in November/December 2021 to correspond with contract award timescales.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Advocacy Services detailed in this report are for the most part defined in legislation (Care Act 2014, Mental Health Acts; Mental Capacity Acts and Children's & Adoption Acts) although some "discretionary" advocacy services are also being re-procured so that new contracts are initiated after current arrangements expire on 31 March 2022.

Through this tender process, we are seeking to put contract (s) in place and the proposed contracts term are for three years plus the option to extend for up to two years. This tender will result in the award of contract (s) to deliver Surrey-wide Independent Advocacy services. This will ensure the continued delivery of these essential services within the current financial envelope.

(Decisions taken by the Committees-in-Common Sub-Committee – 29 September 2021)

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

12 OCTOBER 2021

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & LEARNING DECISIONS

1. EXPANSION OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH OF ENGLAND (CE) INFANT SCHOOL

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the statutory notice published thereby bringing into effect the formal commencement of the proposal that St Peter and St Paul CE Infant School is expanded from a one form entry (1FE) infant school for pupils aged 4 to 7 years to become a one form entry (1FE) primary school for pupils aged 4 to 11 years. The proposal would come into effect from September 2022.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The proposal supports and delivers the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet demand. The proposal is part of a re-organisation of primary places in an area of Caterham which will benefit the local community and provide opportunities for siblings in the same family to attend the same school whilst also creating future headroom for placing additional pupils as the demand for places increases.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Education & Learning – 12 October 2021)

2. CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

(i) Details of decision

That the Service Manager for School Admissions be authorised to go out to statutory consultation on the proposed changes to admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2023:

1. Removal of use of 'nearest school' for Hurst Park Primary School, Langshott Primary School, Meath Green Infant School, Tillingbourne Junior School and Wallace Fields Junior School
2. Walton on the Hill Primary School – introduction of a catchment area to replace 'nearest school'
3. Reigate Priory School – confirmation of the measuring point that will be used to measure home to school distance
4. West Ashted Primary School – reduction of Year 3 PAN from 30 to 2
5. Leatherhead Trinity Primary School – introduction of a Year 3 PAN of 4
6. Felbridge Primary School – introduction of a Year 3 PAN of 2
7. Nursery schools – priority for children of staff
8. Introduction of a supplementary information form for social/medical applicants

(ii) Reasons for decision

There is a statutory requirement to consult on admission arrangements every seven years, or sooner if there is a proposal to change any part of a school's admission arrangements. The local authority is proposing some changes to the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and, as such, there is a statutory duty to consult on these changes. The consultation will also seek views on the admission arrangements for which there is no proposal for change.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Education & Learning – 12 October 2021)

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