

Decision No: CAB1 –

Forward Plan No:

This record relates to Agenda Item 25 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
CABINET MEMBER MEETING

PORTFOLIO AREA:

SUBJECT:

Children's Services Fees and Charges
2012-13

AUTHOR:

Paul Brinkhurst

THE DECISION

- (1) That the position on fees charged for nurseries as detailed in section 3.3 be agreed;
- (2) That the position on fees and charges for the Learning Development Centre detailed in section 3.4.3 be noted;
- (3) That the fees and charges for 2012/13 in respect of Surrenden Pool as detailed in section 3.5 and Appendix 2 be agreed;
- (4) That the position on fees and charges for the Music and Performing Arts Service as detailed in section 3.6 and Appendix 3 be noted; and
- (5) That the position on the charges for school meals as detailed in section 3.8 be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To agree and/or note the Children's Services Fees and Charges for 2012/13

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Date:

20 January 2012

Decision Maker:

Children & Young People Cabinet Member



Meeting

Proper Officer:

20 January 2012

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic



Services

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Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CAB 2 –

Forward Plan No:25401

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Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING
PORTFOLIO AREA:	PEOPLE
SUBJECT:	Services to Young People 2012-2015 - Joint Commissioning Strategy
AUTHOR:	Kerry Clarke

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Services for Young People Joint Commissioning Strategy is agreed;
and
- (2) That the Cabinet Member authorises the Strategic Director of People to
proceed with the transitional arrangements necessary to implement the
proposed strategy.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To meet the commitment to the council's Corporate Plan to redesign the way
in which youth services are delivered to ensure young people have the
opportunity to be active citizens through participating in community activities;
and
- (2) To authorise the Strategic Director, People to agree new funding agreements
as necessary with successful providers to deliver services in collaboration
with the council's Youth Service.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) Roll forward of existing contracts. This would be against procurement
regulations; and
- (2) Introduction of preferred provider tendering. This would be against
procurement regulations.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CAB 3 –

Forward Plan No:

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Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING
PORTFOLIO AREA:	PEOPLE
SUBJECT:	Brighton & Hove City Council Religious Education Agreed Syllabus 2011
AUTHOR:	Michael Nix

THE DECISION

That the Cabinet Member approves the Agreed Syllabus of Religious Education 2011-2015 at Appendix 1 to the report, for use in Brighton 7 Hove City Council maintained schools.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Council is required to have an Agreed Syllabus in place, and to keep it under review. In preparing this new Agreed Syllabus, advice was taken from teachers and other experts in the field, ensuring that the final text conforms with legislative requirements and reflects the particular character of the city. The Agreed Syllabus was recommended for approval by the properly constituted Agreed Syllabus Conference at its meeting on 1 February 2011.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The preparation and approval of an Agreed Syllabus of RE is a statutory duty of the Council

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CAB 4 –

Forward Plan No:296105

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RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
CABINET MEMBER MEETING

PORTFOLIO AREA:

SUBJECT:

Procurement of Children's Residential and
Foster Care

AUTHOR:

Sue Boiling

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Cabinet member approves a procurement process, to be undertaken jointly with West Sussex County Council, to establish a new framework of approved and preferred independent providers of children's residential and foster care services when the current framework ends. The term of the new Framework contract shall not exceed four years;
- (2) That the Cabinet Member authorises the Strategic Director, People to approve the award of a Framework agreement to selected providers following completion of the procurement process.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) Required by Section 22G of the Children Act 1989; and
- (2) in order to ensure that the principles and timescales of the EU Public Procurement directives are adhered to the tender process for any new arrangements must start by February 2012

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) An alternative to procuring placements from a framework of approved providers would be to procuring placements predominantly on a spot purchase basis. This would contravene BHCC's procurement standing orders and the principles of the EU Public Procurement Directives. Further, this method of procurement does not promote high quality, value for money services;
- (2) BHCC could establish a framework independently of any other local authority but (national) research and good practice guidance highlights and added financial and quality benefits that are achieved from sub regional or regional commissioning. Working collaboratively with other local authorities ensures more effective market development and cost control. The Sufficiency Guidance urges local authorities to commission services jointly where this will

have a positive impact on sufficiency;

- (3) Block contracts could be established with identified providers. This involves purchasing a specific (minimum) number of placements with individual providers for the duration of the contract.;
- (4) This would limit choice in relation to fostering services and similar benefits can be obtained by the local authority with cost and volume arrangements (on a sub regional basis). The focus on increasing the percentage of children placed with in-house foster carers is the current strategic commissioning priority for BHCC;
- (5) There is evidence to suggest that timely development of local high quality residential placements may be assisted by tendering on a block contract basis. However, the central tenet of IPT is that the individual needs of the child are identified and the most suitable, available placement identified. Placement choice should not be limited by the pre-purchase of placements in specific homes.;
- (6) Collaboration with other local authorities is often the most appropriate way of block contracting with providers particularly in relation to low incidence specialised services. Further discussions need to take place with WSCC, ESCC and interested providers to evaluate the relative benefits of such a mode;. and
- (7) The framework contract will be let in such a way to ensure that the potential to commission placements via block contracts, if the local authority so wishes, remains an option.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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