

APPENDIX 1

Extracts of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Children, Young People and Family's Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2013

EXB123 – CAPITAL GRANT – TWO YEAR OLD FREE ENTITLEMENT – KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, which sought approval to commence works on the capital expenditure associated with the Two Year Old Early Years Entitlement in Halton.

The Board was advised that since 2009, local authorities had received funding to provide targeted free entitlement to the most vulnerable two year olds which met strict criteria. In 2011/12, there was an increase in expansion in the entitlement programme, whereby Halton would receive sufficient funding to deliver entitlement to an increased number of recipients.

It was reported that Halton was allocated £355,915 in funding to support the expansion of place capacity. Applications received through the Grant Allocation process were considered by the Capital Funding Panel on 1 October 2013. Details of those applications approved in principle were contained in the report, together with an explanation of the timescales involved in the payment arrangements. It was noted that all capital work would be completed by August 2014.

Reason(s) For Decision

The Local Authority was statutorily required to have sufficient provision of 2 year old free entitlement places.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

Implementation Date

Completion of works by August 2014 would allow for the additional places created to be used from September 2014.

RESOLVED: That Executive Board

- 1) approve the capital expenditure detailed in the report, to assist with the expansion of the Two Year Old Early Years Entitlement in Halton; and
- 2) agree to delegate the approval of any further bids received for Two Year Old capital funding to the Capital Funding Panel comprising appropriate members of the Children & Enterprise Directorate and Council's Finance Department (as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report), in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Children, Young People and Families.

EXB124 – VIRTUAL HEADTEACHER REPORT

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, which provided the annual update on the attainment and achievement of Halton children in care.

The report set out the vision statement for the Virtual School, and it was reported that the oversight and governance arrangements for the Virtual School (VS) rested with the Children in Care Partnership Board. The 'virtual' nature of the school referred to incorporating all children in care into one school as well as the multi-agency working relationships which underpinned the work of the school. It was reported that each of the agencies and teams which operated within the VS were committed to achieving the vision statement and worked to prioritise children in care within their own service delivery.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Board accept the report and the key attainment and achievement outcomes be noted; and
- 2) support is given to the Virtual School for the future developments identified within the report.