

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes relevant to the Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board**

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2022**

<b>EXB60</b>	<b>SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2023 – KEY DECISION</b>
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The Board received a report of the Strategic Director – People, which requested the approval of the School Admissions Policy, Admission Arrangements and Co-ordinated Schemes, for admission to primary and secondary schools for the 2023/24 academic year.

The Board was advised that in October 2021, the Local Authority issued a statutorily required consultation on the proposed admission arrangements and co-ordinated admission schemes for the September 2023 intake for primary and secondary schools (attached as appendices 1 and 2 respectively). The primary scheme also included the proposed oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools for whom the Local Authority was the admission authority.

The report provided details of the consultation, which ran from 1 October 2021 and 12 November 2021; no responses to the consultation were received. Additionally, no amendments to the oversubscription criteria were suggested, as these worked well and met the requirements of the Department for Education's School Admissions Code.

It was noted that all Halton's secondary schools were either academies, free schools or voluntary aided and were therefore their own admission authorities, with responsibility for consulting and determining their own admissions criteria and their own Published Admission Number (PAN).

Reason(s) for Decision

The decision was statutorily required.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Other options considered and rejected included the allocation of places to community and voluntary controlled schools through random allocation (lottery), as this method could be seen as arbitrary and random.

Implementation Date

The Policy and co-ordinated schemes would apply for the September 2023 academic intake.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the School Admissions Policy, Admission Arrangements and Co-ordinated Schemes, for admission to primary and secondary schools for the 2023/24 academic year.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2022**

<b>EXB96</b>	<b>SERVICES FOR MISSING FROM HOME AND CARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS CHESHIRE FOR HALTON, CHESHIRE EAST, CHESHIRE WEST &amp; CHESTER AND WARRINGTON: REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF STANDING ORDERS</b>
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The Board received a request for a waiver of Parts 3.1 and 3.2 of Procurement Standing Orders (non-emergency procedures – exceeding a value threshold of £100,000) by virtue of Procurement Standing Order 1.14.4 (v), to allow the continuation of a contract with ‘We are With You’ to deliver, on behalf of the Council, the Pan Cheshire Missing from Home and Care Service, for a period of one year from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

We are With You had been commissioned to deliver this service in July 2018. It worked across all of the four local authority areas with clear links to Cheshire Constabulary’s missing from home co-ordinators. The rationale for the waiver request was provided in the report together with the value of the contract extension and the agreed funding commitments from each of the participants – Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council, Cheshire East Council, Warrington Council and Halton.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the waiver of Parts 3.1 and 3.2 of Procurement Standing Orders (non-emergency procedures – exceeding a value threshold of £100,000) by virtue of Procurement Standing Order 1.14.4 (v) and the contract with ‘We are With You’ be extended for a further 12 months.

<b>EXB97</b>	<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY: WAIVER REQUEST</b>
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The Board considered a request to waive Parts 3.1 and 3.2 of Procurement Standing Orders, by virtue of Procurement Standing Order 1.14.4 (iv), to extend the contract for Children and Young People’s Speech and Language Therapy for a period of 11.5 months.

Members were advised that the waiver request was to allow a comprehensive review and reshaping of the provision to be undertaken, which would focus upon current and emerging needs and demands on the service, particularly regarding the impact of Covid-19 on children’s development and learning.

The report discussed the contract value relating to the waiver and gave further details on the requirement for a review of the provision. The contract was jointly commissioned by Halton Borough Council and Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (HCCG) and both partners were in support of the waiver request.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the waiver of Parts 3.1 and 3.2 of Procurement Standing Orders by virtue of Procurement Standing Order 1.14.4 (iv), to extend the contract for Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy, for a period of 11.5 months.