

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION FOR URGENT IMPLEMENTATION

(Decision either included or not included on the current Forward Plan but needs to be implemented immediately by virtue of the urgency of the actions that need to be undertaken. This decision will not be subject to call-in.)

ORIGINATOR'S DETAILS

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DETAILS OF THE REPORT

Title and brief description of the nature of the business to be considered:

Title: Grant award to children's centre providers

Description: To approve grants to lead agencies for the delivery of the Children's Centres programme for the 2018/19 financial year

- *Why has this decision been delayed until now?*

This decision was originally scheduled for March 2018 but was delayed due to need to clarify final details following consultation with providers.

- *Why can't the decision be reasonably deferred?*

Schools and voluntary organisations delivering Children's Centre services require confirmation of their funding for 2018-19 in order to finalise budgets. In addition, confirmation of the grant decision is required in order to release grant payments for the delivery of services in Quarter One, 2018-19.

- *How long has the department known the decision was to be taken?*

This is an annual decision taken in the aftermath of budget setting process, so has been expected for the year. However as set out above, the decision has been delayed.

- *If scheduled on the forward plan for a particular period, what's changed to make it so urgent now?*

It has become urgent as a consequence of delay.

- *Why is it important that this decision is taken now?*

In order to allow payments for delivery of services in quarter one. The providers – schools and voluntary sector providers – could have cash flow difficulties if decision is delayed.

- *What is the potential cost to the council if the decision is delayed?*

There is no financial cost, but there is a potential reputational risk if Children's Centre providers have difficulties as a result of delayed payment.

Date decision to be taken by: 30 April 2018

Declaration

I agree with the Chief Officer/Head of Service that the proposed Decision is reasonable and that it can be treated as a matter of urgency.

Reason for refusal

Signed:  Dated 25/04/2018

Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Please note reasons for refusal, additional points or further action required (as appropriate)

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