

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 2019/20

Description: To approve grants to lead providers for the delivery of the Children's Centres programme for the 2019/20 financial year

- *Why has this decision been delayed until now?*
Responsibility for Children's Centres oversight transferred to Family Early Help during this financial year. A reorganisation of Family Early Help following consultation identified a new role that would lead on Children's Centres as part of coordinating work with Under 5s and transformation to a whole family approach across the system. Recruitment to this role was not confirmed until Sept 2018 and a review of current provision could not be completed until March 2019
- *Why can't the decision be reasonably deferred?*
School and third sector organisations delivering Children's Centre services require confirmation of their funding for 2019/20 in order to finalise budgets. Confirmation of the grant decision is also needed to release grant payment for quarter 1.
- *How long has the department known the decision was to be taken?*
This is an annual decision taken in the aftermath of the budget setting process, so has been expected for the year. As described above responsibility moved between departments and recruitment of the lead officer was dependent on the reorganisation timetable of Family Early Help.
- *If scheduled on the forward plan for a particular period, what's changed to make it so urgent now?*
The decision was not scheduled on the forward plan in error owing to a change in departmental responsibilities. It has become urgent to ensure providers can deliver services in quarter one.

- *Why is it important that this decision is taken now?*
In order to allow payments for delivery of services in quarter one. The providers who are schools and third sector could have cash flow difficulties as a result of delayed payment.
- *What is the potential cost to the council if the decision is delayed?*
There is no financial cost, but there is potential reputational risk if Children's Centre providers have difficulties as a result of delayed payment.

Date decision to be taken on: by 17 April 2019

Urgent implementation notice cleared by:

Chief Officer / Director	David Quirke-Thornton, Strategic Director of Children's and Adult's Services
Date	11 April 2019

Declaration

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

Signed...Councillor Bill Williams. Dated...11 April 2019.....

Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee/~~Mayor/Deputy Mayor~~*

* delete as appropriate

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

N/A

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