

Decisions

Cabinet

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Decisions will (unless called-in) become effective at 5pm on 7 March 2019

Item	Recommendations Considered	Decisions
9	<p>Early Help Review</p> <p>1. To agree the Early Help Strategy as set out in Appendix 2.</p> <p>2. To agree to establish an integrated Family Support Service that will assist children and families to deal with difficulties as early as possible, and reduce the need for statutory social care (see Appendix 3).</p> <p>3. To agree to retaining 16 children's centres across the county for early years provision (as set out in Appendix 4), with the buildings also available for additional use to support families with children 0-19 (up to 25 for children with special educational needs or disabilities). These sites will be renamed as family centres to reflect their wider support role.</p> <p>4. To agree to close 19 children's centres as listed in Appendix 4, and ensure their continuing use for early years and community benefit.</p> <p>5. To agree to give delegated authority to the Executive Director for Children's Services, following consultation with the Executive Director for Resources, Cabinet Members for Children's Services and Resources, to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) authorise changes in lease agreements for those children's centres to be</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet AGREED the recommendations</p>

	<p>closed, including agreeing the final use for such buildings; (b) authorise further changes in the location of the premises of children’s centres if required, subject to those changes being in accordance with the Early Help Strategy, and following a consultation on the proposals.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Home to School Transport</p> <p>1. To note the results of the consultation and agree the changes to Buckinghamshire’s Home to School Transport provision, in line with the recommended options summarised below and detailed in paragraph 12:</p> <p>a) Transport for Post 16 pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Remove free transport for existing and new pupils. ii. From September 2019, charges to be based on the distance from home to school as detailed within section 12. iii. Increase provision of independent travel training for eligible young people aged between 16 and 18 years old. <p>b) Reduction of costs associated with our Home to School Transport offer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Review the cost of all paid for transport, including mainstream. ii. Review unnecessary transport through rationalisation of routes and bus sizes. iii. Remove commissioned transport where there is a viable public route. <p>c) Evreham and Ivinghoe arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. From September 2020, remove discretionary free transport for all new pupils only. 	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet AGREED the recommendations</p>

ii. Offer routes to commercial sector where appropriate.

2. To agree that the revised Home to School Transport Policy (Appendix 1), produced in consultation with parent carer representatives, is adopted.

3. To agree that the revised Post 16 Annual Transport Policy Statement (Appendix 3) setting out the Post 16 transport offer be adopted.

4. To agree to give delegated authority to the Executive Director for Children's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and the Cabinet Member for Transportation to:

a) Update and revise both the Home to School Transport Policy (Appendix 1) and the Post 16 Annual Transport Policy Statement (Appendix 3) and undertake consultation as and when required.

5. To agree that there should be a further review of the Post 16 Transport Policy in January 2020 to determine whether future policy changes are required.

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