

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



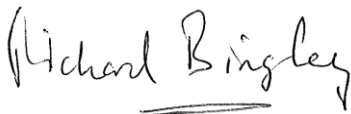
REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – L20 22/23

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Start for Life – Memorandum of Understanding			
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Richard Bingley, Leader of the Council			
3	Report author and contact details: Emma Crowther, Strategic Commissioning Manager, emma.crowther@plymouth.gov.uk			
4	Decision to be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MOU for the Start for Life/Family Hubs programme is agreed for signature by the Director of Children’s Services. See Appendix 1 of the briefing report for a copy of the MOU. Delegated authority is granted to the Director of Children’s Services for onward grant award/awards or variation of contracts where they do not already have authority to do so. Progress updates for the programme are provided to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Children and Young People 			
5	Reasons for decision: To ensure that Plymouth City Council can receive funding from the Start for Life/Family Hubs programme to support projects and initiatives for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support the development of 0-19 Family Hubs in the city To provide additional support for expectant parents and parents of children aged 0-2 This decision is in line with already stated and agreed intentions to open Family Hubs in Plymouth and improve the early help offer for families.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: To not sign up to the programme – would mean that available additional funding to support families would not be used.			
7	Financial implications and risks: The scope of the funding is set out in the Part 2 paper. This is additional grant funding, with the majority comprising revenue and small proportion for capital projects.			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No x	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which: in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total

		x		in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
		x		is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	Due to the recent notification of the decision to approve Plymouth's application (12 th December) and the timeline for when the funding for 2022/23 will be received and must be spent by, it was not possible to include this decision in the Forward Plan. Therefore an urgent decision is sought.		
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	<p>Caring for People and Communities – the provision of effective early help and the best start in life for children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A friendly, welcoming city • Reduced health inequalities • People feel safe in Plymouth • Focus on prevention and early intervention • Keep children, young people and adults protected • Improved schools where pupils achieve better outcomes 		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	This funding will support projects based within the city of Plymouth and to support local families, therefore reducing the need to seek support from further afield.		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes	x	(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No		(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency: Signature of the MOU will trigger the first payment of grant funding to the local authority for 2022/23. This funding is required to be spent by the end of this financial year. Later signing of the MOU may jeopardise Plymouth's involvement in the programme and the ability to spend the funding for this year.			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:	Agreed via email	Date	23 December 2022
	Scrutiny Committee name:	Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
	Print Name:	Councillor Jemima Laing		

Consultation				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	x	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted			
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	x	
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Sharon Muldoon	
		Job title	Director of Children's Services	
		Date consulted	21/12/2022	
Sign-off				
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS86 22/23	
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.22.23.325	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/39613/JP/221222	
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A	
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A	
Appendices				
17	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Briefing report for publication – See Section 18		
Confidential/exempt information				
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	x	If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below.
		No		
		Exemption Paragraph Number		

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Start for Life MOU Briefing report			x				
Background Papers								
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.							
Title of background paper(s)		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature								
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature				Date of decision	22/12/2022			
Print Name	Councillor Richard Bingley							