

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Covid-19: Critical/key worker education and childcare arrangements

This record is produced in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

This form should be used to record:

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)**
- **A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
 - (i) **under a specific express authorisation; or**
 - (ii) **under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
 - **grant a permission or licence;**
 - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
 - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.**

(One form per decision)

The following decision has been taken: -

1. To provide the equivalent funding provision to existing Early Years providers based on the numbers of children of critical workers (eligible 2, 3 and 4 years olds) attending provision during the Easter holidays up to a maximum of 10 days and linked to the funded entitlement amount that each eligible child would normally receive. This additional funding will not be paid into the temporary network of early hubs established by the LA.
2. To establish a network of early years and school hubs for holiday, weekend and bank holiday provision to deliver the Department for Education expectations in relation to critical workers' children and vulnerable children during the Covid-19 emergency. This includes the use of LA funding (or DSG reserve funding if appropriate) to underpin any additional costs incurred such as cleaning, catering, staffing etc.

The definition of "critical workers" is as set out the Government guidelines.

By whom: *Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Service*

On: 3 April 2020

Was this an executive decision?

YES

If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?

YES

NOTE – this decision is not open to call in under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16

Reasons for decision: -

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, schools, colleges and childcare providers will be closed to the majority of pupils until further notice. Where possible, childcare providers, schools and colleges are encouraged to remain open to continue to look after critical workers' children and vulnerable children throughout the Easter holidays. Where this is not possible, the Department for Education has asked that the Local Authority identify an alternative setting for these pupils. The LA has therefore drawn together arrangements for a network of hub settings to ensure these children can still attend childcare/school. Relevant government guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#critical-workers>

The government's "critical worker" criteria can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

None

Conflicts of Interest

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?

Background Papers

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed

Publication Date: 3 April 2020

Stuart Carlton
Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Service

Directorate: Children and Young People's Service

Note 1 regarding Executive decisions only: This decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 clear working days after publication, unless any 6 members of the Council object to it and call it in by notice in writing (including e-mail) to The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).

Note 2: non-executive and non-key executive decisions by Officers are not subject to call in.

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