

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Early Years Covid-19 Funding Arrangements.

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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: -

To consult with early years' providers on

- the local operation of the DfE national guidance on the funding of early years' provision in the autumn 2020 term
- the future deployment of potential additional NYCC financial support to the early years sector.

By whom:

Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Service, in consultation with Cllr Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education and Skills.

On: 22 September 2020

Was this an executive decision?

YES

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

NO

Reasons for decision: -

In July 2020 the DfE provided updated guidance on the “Use of free early education entitlements funding during coronavirus (COVID-19)”. The DfE have requested that local authorities consider whether their scheduling of payments to early years’ providers offers flexibility to respond to any funding changes required during the term and supports providers in managing their cash-flow. The DfE have indicated that they expect to return to the normal early years funding process and use the January 2021 census count to determine funding allocations for the 2021 spring term.

Within the DfE guidance there are a number of areas where local decisions are required in relation to the operation of early years funding during the Autumn 2020 term.

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?
None	None

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: 28 September 2020

Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director – Children & Young People’s Service

Directorate:
Children and Young People’s Service

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