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DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES – WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2025

<p><i>List published 12 February 2025</i> <i>Decisions will (unless called in) become effective at 5.00pm on 19 February 2025</i></p>		
<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Declarations of Interest	None.	
2. Questions from County Councillors	None.	
3. Petitions and Public Address	None.	
4. Minutes of Previous Meetings To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 6 November 2024 and 21 January 2025.	Approved.	
5. Homes 2 Inspire - Contract Extension and Amendments <i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education and Young People's Services <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/341 <i>Contact:</i> Caroline Kelly, Lead Commissioner – Start Well Caroline.Kelly@oxfordshire.gov.uk Report by Director of Children's Services (CMDCEYPS). The Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care is RECOMMENDED to: a) agree the extension of the Residential Children's Homes Contract with Homes to Inspire for a term of 2 years from 1 April 2025 to the value of £7.024m; and	Recommendations approved.	Caroline Kelly CDASS

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<p>b) delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Head of Procurement and Contract Management, to finalise the required Contract documentation for that extension.</p>		
<p>6. Formal Approval of Early Years Funding Formula 2025/26</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education and Young People's Services <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2025/036</p> <p><i>Contact:</i> Jane Billington – Strategic Finance Business Partner (Jane.Billington@Oxfordshire.gov.uk)</p> <p>Report by Director of Children's Services (CMDCEYPS).</p> <p>The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers (after allowing for centrally retained funding per Department of education (DfE) criteria) and approve the 2025-26 Early Years funding formula for 3- and 4-year-old provision with an underlying hourly rate of £5.53 (excluding the supplements, SEN Inclusion Fund and Contingency).</p> <p>b) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers and approve the 2025-26 Early Years funding formula for 2-year-old working parent provision at an hourly rate of £8.05.</p> <p>c) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>Jane Billington CDF&CS</p>

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<p>providers and approve the 2025-26 Early Years funding formula for 2-year-olds of families receiving additional support at an hourly rate of £8.05.</p> <p>d) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers and approve the 2025-26 Early Years funding formula for 9 Months to 2-year-old provision at an hourly rate of £11.05.</p> <p>e) Pass on the additional 15 hours for entitled "2yrs olds" & "9-months to 2 years old" (new entitlement from 1 September 2025).</p>		
<p>7. Joining the South East Regional Care Cooperative (RCC)</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Children, Education and Young People's Services</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2025/018</i> <i>Contact: Caroline Kelly, Lead Commissioner – Start Well</i> (Caroline.Kelly@oxfordshire.gov.uk)</p> <p>Report by Director of Children's Services (CMDCEYPS).</p> <p>1. The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) agree to Oxfordshire County Council joining the Department for Education (DfE) approved pathfinder for the South East Regional Care Cooperative (RCC) for a period of three years from 1 April 2025–31 March 2028; and</p> <p>b) contribute financially to the RCC at a total cost of £625,000</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>Caroline Kelly CDASS</p>

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for the three-year commitment.		