

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (RESUMED FROM 15 JULY 2025)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19 August 2025 commencing at 11.30 am and finishing at 11.45 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Sean Gaul – in the Chair

Officers: Jack Ahier (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Stephen Chandler (Executive Director of People and Transformation), Caroline Kelly (Head of Joint Commissioning – Start Well), Lisa Lyons (Director of Children’s Services), Ben Piper (Democratic Services Officer).

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting [, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting/the following additional documents:] and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents] are attached to the signed Minutes.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda No. 1)

There were none.

2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Agenda No. 2)

There were none.

3 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS (Agenda No. 3)

There were none.

4 YOUNG PEOPLES SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION (YPSA) - CONTRACT EXTENSIONS (Agenda No. 4)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

The Chair noted the concerns that he had regarding the proposed changes to the schemes and asked officers to revisit some aspects of the report, especially given his lived experience of the policy, to ensure the system would work as effectively as it could for all participants.

The Chair formally deferred the item until 11:30am on Tuesday 19 August.

Meeting deferred – 4:50pm, Tuesday 15 July 2025

Meeting resumed – 11:30am, Tuesday 19 August 2025

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting and thanked officers for making changes from the meeting held on 16 July.

The Chair noted that he had lived experience of these schemes and that it was extremely important to get the details right.

It was reiterated that the age change proposed in the report would only affect those children and young people not currently in the scheme.

The Director of Children’s Services confirmed that this was an interim position within a transition phase, as the contracts were due to expire.

The Chair thanked officers for all of their work and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) To delegate authority to the Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Deputy Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal and Governance, to extend the YPSA contracts for 18 months from 1st October 2025 to 30th April 2027.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing