

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families

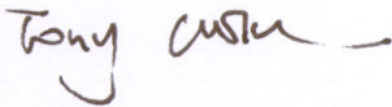
***Tuesday, 6 July 2010 at 12.00 pm
County Hall***

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Wednesday 14 July 2010 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

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Note: Date of next meeting: 7 September 2010

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Items for Decision

1. **Declarations of Interest**

2. **Questions from County Councillors**

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am on the working day before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. **Petitions and Public Address**

4. **Early Years Capital Grants** (Pages 1 - 4)

Forward Plan Ref: 2010/106

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Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families (**CMDCY4**).

Capital funding (£7.8 million in total for expenditure up to March 2011) has been made available by the Department for Education (DfE) to secure significant investment in early years provision, mostly in the non-maintained sector.

The Cabinet approved the Oxfordshire Early Years Capital Plan 2008-2011 on 16 September 2008. This sets out how the funding will be used in Oxfordshire.

Expressions of interest were received from 59 early years providers for large capital grants.

Stepping Stones Day Nursery and Nursery School Ltd in Witney is one of 10 potential projects that were invited to submit a full application (necessary for externally-managed projects in excess of £25,000).

Officers have completed the assessments of these 10 externally-managed large projects and have previously recommended approval for 9 of these projects.

The Cabinet Member is now requested to approve an early years capital grant for Stepping Stones Day Nursery and Nursery School Ltd.

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to approve the application from Stepping Stones Day Nursery and Nursery School Ltd for funding up to £100,000 from the Early Years Capital Grant, subject to planning consent being obtained and subject to appropriate contractual agreement.