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**DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN,  
EDUCATION & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY  
2024**

<i>List published Wednesday 07 February Decisions will (unless called in) become effective at 5.00pm on WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY</i>		
<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<b>1. Declarations of Interest</b>	None.	
<b>2. Questions from County Councillors</b>	None.	
<b>3. Petitions and Public Address</b>	None.	
<p><b>4. Cross Regional Project</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Young People's Services  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2023/260  <i>Contact:</i> Alison Walker            Alison.walker @oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director of Children's Services</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p>a) Approve the option to extend the Cross Regional Project contract for a further three years from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2024. The Contract is commissioned with three partner Local Authorities: Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Milton Keynes, with Oxfordshire currently the lead authority.</p> <p>b) Approve the negotiated uplift of</p>	Recommendations agreed.	DCS (A Walker)

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<p><b>10% for the first year of the contract extension (Year 6) with a price review mechanism agreed for years 7 &amp; 8. Partner Local Authorities and Keys Group have agreed to these terms for the contract extension.</b></p> <p><b>If approval is granted to extend the contract and implement the agreed uplifts</b></p> <p><b>c) Approve the purchase of remaining 6 additional placements to maximise full capacity of the 36 contracted beds to be shared amongst the partners.</b></p>		
<p><b>5. Formal Approval of Early Years Funding Formula 2024/25</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Young People's Services.</p> <p><i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2023/267 <i>Contact:</i> Danny Doherty danny.doherty@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director of Children's Services</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p><b>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 2024-25 Early Years funding formula for 3 and 4- year old provision with an</b></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DCS (D Doherty)</p>

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<p><b>underlying hourly rate of £5.30 (excluding the supplements, SEN Inclusion Fund and Contingency).</b></p> <p><b>b) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers and approve the 2024-25 Early Years funding formula for 9 Months to 2-year-old provision at an hourly rate of £6.21.</b></p> <p><b>c) Pass on the new funding rate for two-year old, disadvantaged entitlement. d) Pass on the new funding for “2yrs olds” &amp; “9-months to 2 years old” working entitlements including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• the 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 2-year-old children (new entitlement from 1 April 2024).</b></li> <li><b>• 2 - the 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of children from 9- months to 2 years old (new entitlement from 1 September 2024).</b></li> </ul>		