

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14 July 2026 commencing at 3.00 pm and finishing at 3:06pm

Present:

Voting Members: Cllr Sean Gaul – in the Chair

Officers: Delia Mann (Deputy Director Childrens Social Care)
Jack Ahier (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports are attached to the signed Minutes.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda No. 1)

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda No. 2)

The Cabinet Member approved the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2026, as an accurate record of the proceedings

3 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Agenda No. 3)

There were none received.

4 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS (Agenda No. 4)

There were no requests.

5 FAMILIES FIRST - CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE REFORMS (Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member considered a report which indicated that the “Families First” programme was a national reform programme focused on delivering earlier, more joined-up support to children and families.

The programme was supported by ring-fenced grant funding of £6.4m (26-28), reducing to £5.5m for 28-29. Grant conditions of use were set by the Department for Education.

The next phase was to move from pilot delivery to full implementation of the Families First reforms across Children's Social Care. This would bring together early support and statutory intervention into a single, coherent offer for families, deliver family-led planning, and establish strengthened multi-agency arrangements for child protection.

Resolved to:

- a) Approve the use of the Families First grant in Oxfordshire to support the delivery of Children's Social Care reform, in line with the grant conditions set by the Department for Education; and
- b) Delegate authority to the Director for Children's Services to undertake all necessary activity to utilise the grant funding in accordance with those conditions.

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