

## **DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Wednesday, 10 July 2024 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 2.15 pm

**Present:**

**Voting Members:** Councillor John Howson – in the Chair

**Officers:** Jack Ahier (Democratic Services Officer), Barbara Chillman (Pupil Place Planning Manager), Caroline Kelly (Lead Commissioner, Start Well).

*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.*

### **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Agenda No. 1)

There were none.

### **6 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

(Agenda No. 2)

There were none.

### **7 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

(Agenda No. 3)

There were none.

### **8 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

(Agenda No. 4)

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2024 were signed by Cllr Liz Leffman, Leader of the Council, and who chaired the meeting on 15 May 2024, as a correct record.

### **9 SHAP - SUPPORTED HOUSING ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME**

(Agenda No. 5)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

Officers noted that the target was to have the scheme up and running by April 2025.

Following a question from the Chair regarding the slight delay to the scheme, officers confirmed that this was due to changing providers.

Officers noted that the effectiveness of the scheme would be reviewed.

The Chair thanked officers and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

**RESOLVED to:**

- a) Agree the commissioning and procurement of the Supported Accommodation Service for Young People aged 18-25 at Risk of Homelessness service and to Award a Contract using a grant awarded by the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC).**
- b) Delegate authority to the Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Head of Procurement and Contract Management, to award a Contract with a value of up to £400,000 per annum for the support element of a Supported Accommodation Service for Young People aged 18-25 at Risk of Homelessness service for a term of 3 years following a successful procurement process.**

**10 DIDCOT SPECIAL SCHOOL - EDUCATION SPECIFICATION AND APPROVAL TO START LA PRESUMPTION PROCESS**  
(Agenda No. 6)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

Officers noted that there would be 120 places at the school, for children with ages ranging from 7-19 years old.

Following a question from the Chair regarding the location of a new school, officers confirmed that discussions were ongoing with an existing school in Didcot.

The Chair thanked officers and agreed to the recommendation in the report.

**RESOLVED to:**

- a) Approve the specification for the new special school serving the Didcot area, and for a competitive process to be launched to identify an academy sponsor to run the school.**

**11 NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR VALLEY PARK - EDUCATION SPECIFICATION AND APPROVAL TO START LA PRESUMPTION PROCESS**  
(Agenda No. 7)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

Officers noted that this would be to build a new primary school to serve the housing development to the west of Didcot, known as Valley Park.

Officers noted that the building work would begin before the academy sponsor was confirmed, but stated it was common with the relative timescales.

The Chair asked officers to consider ground-sourced heating for open spaces, such as playgrounds or carparks, at that stage as it would be cost-effective and environmentally beneficial.

The Chair thanked officers and agreed to the recommendation in the report.

**RESOLVED to:**

- a) Approve the specification for the new primary school to serve the Valley Park development to the west of Didcot, and for a competitive process to be launched to identify an academy sponsor to run the school.**

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Date of signing .....

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