

**Decisions taken at the CPH Children, Education and Skills Decision Session  
Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020  
In attendance the Cabinet Member Cllr Meeson and opposition spokespersons Cllrs  
Brain, Hamilton and McCarthy**

Title	Decision Taken
Apologies and Substitutions	None received.
Declarations of Interests	None received.
Proposal to expand St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	The Cabinet Member <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the withdrawal of the proposal to expand St Augustine's Catholic School from September 2020.
Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2019/2020 as at 31 December 2019	<p>The Cabinet Member <b>RESOLVED</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Endorse the 2019/20 revenue and capital financial monitoring forecast as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019;</li> <li>(ii) Note the Portfolio's progress against the latest 3-year savings targets in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019; and</li> <li>(iii) Note the Portfolio's 3-year budget forecast position.</li> </ul>
School and Early Years Funding 2020-2021	<p>The Cabinet Member <b>RESOLVED</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Approve school budgets as detailed in paragraph 4.2 to 4.4;</li> <li>(ii) Approve an increase of 4.0% in top-up rates payable to special schools (paragraph 5.4);</li> <li>(iii) Approve Early Years hourly rates as shown in paragraph 6.13.; and</li> <li>(iv) Note the Forum approved decisions in relation to central services as described in section 7.</li> </ul>
Future Options for Alternative Provision in Solihull	<p>The Cabinet Member <b>RESOLVED</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Authorise officers to undertake a period of consultation with parents, schools and the wider community on whether to seek permission from the Secretary of State to consider the closure of Summerfield Education Centre;</li> <li>(ii) Authorise officers to explore the development of a new short-stay intervention and assessment provision for Solihull pupils that have been permanently excluded;</li> <li>(iii) Authorise officers to work with secondary</li> </ul>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">schools and other stakeholders to identify gaps in alternative provision in order to widen the range of alternative provision options available to Solihull commissioners;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(iv) To liaise with Regional Schools Commissioner on the development of this approach;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(v) Note current activity to profile each pupil currently on roll and identify a suitable long term provision; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(vi) Note officer recommendation to commission a significant reduction in places at Summerfield from September 2020.</p>
Foster Carer Allowances, Fees and Charges to Other Authorities and Other Care Payments/Allowances 2020/21 Annual Rate Review	<p>The Cabinet Member <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve:</p> <p>(i) The proposed allowances, fees, payment rates and charges to other Local Authorities for 2020/21 - Appendix A;</p> <p>(ii) The Guidance for Foster Carers on appropriate use of the Foster Allowance - Appendix B;</p> <p>(iii) The proposed Financial Support for SMBC Foster Carers - Appendix C; and</p> <p>(iv) The Fostering Fee Scheme for SMBC Foster Carers - Appendix D.</p>
Local Authority Approval of Appointment of LA Governor	<p>The Cabinet Member <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the proposal for the nomination of a Local Authority Governor shown in Appendix A to the report.</p>