Extract of Executive Board Minutes relevant to the Children, Young Peoples and Families Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

EXB28 CARE HOME PROVISION – BELVEDERE – KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, on the proposed development of Belvedere as a care home for older people.

At its meeting on 19 July 2018, the Board had approved the development of a costed proposal for care home provision at Belvedere. Details were set out in the report, although further work would be required to fully understand the full financial implications.

Reason(s) for Decision

To instigate the development of Belvedere as a care home.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Implementation Date

It was anticipated that the works would be completed within 12 months, potentially opening in October 2019.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the contents of the report be noted; and
- 2) the Board agree in principle to further work to finalise the overall capital and revenue costs.

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EXB29 FOUNDATION / KS1 SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE BASE PROVIIOSN – KEY DICISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, which provided a summary of the responses received during the statutory consultation on the creation of a Resource Base at Beechwood Primary School and Halton Lodge Primary School.

Executive Board had previously agreed that a statutory consultation be undertaken on the proposal to create a Resource Base for Foundation/ Key Stage 1 Pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs (SEMH). The report set out a summary of the consultation results for each of the schools proposed, as well as the options open to the Board as the decision maker.

Reason(s) for Decision

To provide a more inclusive offer for pupils with SEMH giving them the opportunity to be educated with support alongside their peers.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Developing only one Foundation/Key Stage 1 SEMH Base and one Secondary Base was considered. No secondary schools expressed an interest in providing an SEMH base.

Implementation Date

September 2018.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Foundation/Key Stage 1 Social, Emotional and Mental Health Resource Provision Base is developed at Beechwood Primary School;
- 2) Foundation Key Stage 1 Social, Emotional and Mental Health Resource Base is developed at Halton Lodge Primary School;
- 3) Specialist Provision Capital funding is used to provide the facilities required for the two bases; and
- 4) the revenue costs of the new provision will be met from the High Needs budget.

EXB30 VISION FOR EARLY HELP FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, which outlined the potential delivery model for Early Help Services.

The Board was advised that Halton had experienced an increase in demand within Children's Services across both Early Help and Social Care. Halton had revised its Early Help Strategy with some common principles to address how the authority worked across all ages.

It was reported that the ongoing financial pressures required a re-think on the design of Early Help Services and how the Council could improve joint working across internal services and with partners. Members were advised that a new model of provision which had been developed in other areas of the UK was that of Children's Communities. The report set out details of the three characteristics that defined the thinking and approach behind Children's Communities.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the potential approach be agreed; and
- 2) the Board agree that a project team be established to further develop the model and options.