

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**CABINET BOARD - 28 APRIL, 2016**  
**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: P.A.Rees (Chairperson) and P.D.Richards

**Officers in Attendance:**

A.Evans, C.Millis, A.Jarrett, J.Hodges and Mrs.J.Woodman-Ralph

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Cllr.P.A.Rees be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

3. **FOSTERING STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

4. **NEATH PORT TALBOT FOSTERING SERVICE REGULATION 42  
QUALITY OF CARE REPORT 2015/16**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

5. **FOSTER CARER RECRUITMENT STRATEGY AND FINANCE POLICY**

**Decisions:**

1. That the current foster carers' fees be increased by £50 a week for children aged 11 plus;
2. That a retainer be paid of up to 6 weeks per annum to foster carers who are approved for children aged 11 plus, subject to terms and conditions that will apply.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To enable the Local Authority to support the recruitment and retention of foster carers for teenagers in order to reduce the number of young people placed in independent foster placements. This will promote outcomes for young people and reduce the cost of independent placements, enabling the Council to make greater savings.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

6. **FINANCING OF SCHOOLS SCHEME**

**Decision:**

That in line with the requirements of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and School Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010 the Financing of Schools Scheme be approved with effect from 2016/17 financial year.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Local Authority to make changes in the existing scheme made in statute.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

7. **PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT AND PLAY STRATEGY**

**Decision:**

That the Play Sufficiency Assessment Action Plan and Play Strategy that provides priorities for the delivery and development of play in Neath Port Talbot be approved.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Local Authority to undertake its statutory duty to produce a Play Sufficiency Assessment and to develop an action plan and to ensure that all available resources are maximised for play and to improve the quality of the provision offered across the County Borough.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation as detailed in the circulated report.

8. **CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT YEAR THREE ACTION PLAN 2016/2017**

**Decision:**

That the implementation of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Action Plan 2016/2017 in Neath Port Talbot be approved.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Local Authority to deliver elements of The Childcare Act 2006 and the recommendations of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

9. **HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL**

Members were supportive of the request made by the previous Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee for the following addition to be included in the procedure.

**Decision:**

That the establishment of a Home to School Transport Appeals Panel be approved subject to the inclusion of the following wording in the “Where an in person representation is made, the appellant may choose to be accompanied by a friend, partner or relative for support”.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Local Authority to convene and consider Appeals in regard to decisions taken on free Home to School Transport.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision be implemented after the three day call in period.

10. **REVIEW OF SCHOOL MUSIC SERVICE**

**Decisions:**

1. That the Authority withdraw from the current joint West Glamorgan Music Service;
2. That a new music service be established to support Neath Port Talbot Schools from 1 September 2016.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To confirm the disaggregation of the shared music service and to establish a new music service in Neath Port Talbot to support Neath Port Talbot schools from 1 September, 2016.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

11. **WESTERN BAY YOUTH JUSTICE AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

12. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

**Decision:**

That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No.2290, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

13. **HILLSIDE PLACEMENT FEES**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

14. **THE CHILDREN'S HOME (WALES) REGULATIONS 2002**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

15. **THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

**CHAIRPERSON**