

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 29 January 2013

Decision No: (CAB 12/13 9645)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SUBJECT:	EARLY YEARS PROVISION IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY
AUTHOR:	Alison Alexander

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve the Early Years Provision Improvement Strategy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services to remove providers from the Early Years Provider Register following the procedure set out in the Early Years Provision Improvement Strategy.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Government issued new statutory guidance that local authorities in England must have regard to when fulfilling their duties to secure free early education for 3 and 4-year-olds, and 2 year olds from September 2013. The Early Years Provision Improvement Strategy reflects the new guidance.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The option to do nothing has been considered and rejected as this would mean the Council were: not working to secure high quality early years provisions for the City's under 5s; failing to compile with the new statutory guidance or represent value for money.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 29th January 2013

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Ed Grimshaw

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)