

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Rory Love, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

DECISION NUMBER:

24/00045

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Key decision: YES

Key decision criteria. The decision will:

- a) result in savings or expenditure which is significant having regard to the budget for the service or function (currently defined by the Council as in excess of £1,000,000); or
- b) be significant in terms of its effects on a significant proportion of the community living or working within two or more electoral divisions – which will include those decisions that involve:
 - the adoption or significant amendment of major strategies or frameworks;
 - significant service developments, significant service reductions, or significant changes in the way that services are delivered, whether County-wide or in a particular locality.

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

KCC CLS Accountability Agreement

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, I agree to:

1. APPROVE the Annual Accountability Statement; for submission to the DfE; and
2. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Children's, Young People and Education, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, to take the relevant actions as necessary to implement the decision, including future annual sign off and submission of the Annual Accountability Statement

Reason(s) for decision:

The decision is required to meet DfE requirement for an annual Accountability Statement, as part of the contractual annual Accountability Agreement.

The 'annual Accountability Statement' is a provider document that is owned by KCC/CLS as the provider and should set out a small number of outcome targets for areas of curriculum that providers are planning to change for the coming year. These targets reflect contributions to priorities outlined in Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs), being led by Employer Representative Bodies (ERBs) working with employers, providers and local stakeholders including MCAs, local authorities, and other agencies and to National Skills Priorities listed below. Local authority learning organisations within scope should make reference to their tailored learning provision, particularly where this meets local skills needs.

The content of the annual Accountability Statement is scrutinised and agreed by CLS 'Client Group', consisting of representation from relevant internal departments, prior to being submitted for sign off.

Providers must submit their next annual Accountability Statement to the DfE by 30 June 2024.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

To be considered by the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee on 16th May 2024.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

- N/A

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date