

From: **Jenny Whittle, Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services**
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To: **Children's Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee – 22 April 2014**

Subject: **Decisions taken outside of the Cabinet Committee meeting cycle**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

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Summary: The attached decision was taken between meetings as it could not reasonably be deferred to the next programmed meeting of the Children's Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee for the reason set out below.

Recommendations: That the decision 14/00041 – *Children's Rates & Charges Increases 14/15* was taken in accordance with the process in Appendix 4 Part 6 be noted

- 1.1 In accordance with the council's governance arrangements, all significant or Key Decisions must be listed in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and should be submitted to the relevant Cabinet Committee for endorsement or recommendation prior to the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet.
- 1.2 For the reason set out below it has not been possible for this decision to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to it being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet. Therefore, in accordance with process set out in Appendix 4 Part 6 paragraph 6.18 of the Constitution, the following decision was taken and published to all Members of this Cabinet Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 Decision Number: 14/00041 – *Children's Rates & Charges Increases 14/15*.
This decision relates to the routine annual uplift of certain rates paid by the council and charges collected by the council. In previous years some of these increases had been kept at the same level as the percentage salary increase for KCC staff. However, for reasons unconnected with this decision itself, there was an ongoing delay in confirming the KCC salary increase. Consequently to this delay, this decision then had to be taken using the urgency procedure set out in the council's Constitution, Appendix 4 Part 6 paragraph 6.13, to ensure that it could be implemented for the new financial year.

2. **Recommended:** That decision 14/00041 – *Children’s Rates & Charges Increases 14/15* was taken in accordance with the process in Appendix 4 Part 6 be noted

Background documents:

Appendix 1 - 14/00041 – Children’s Rates & Charges Increases 14/15 - Record of Decision

Appendix 2 - 14/00041 – Children’s Rates & Charges Increases 14/15 - Report

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