

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Roger Gough,  
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

**DECISION NO:**

17/00121 (b)

**Unrestricted**

**Subject: Commissioned Children's Centres**

**Decision:**

**As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education Cabinet I agree to:**

1. To bring Riverside Children's Centres into KCC directly delivered provision fully within the Early Help model and re-provision the existing Early Help offer with services continuing to be delivered at the Riverside Centre, through a 3 year lease agreement with Canterbury City Council, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

In taking this decision I have taken into consideration the views of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below:

- Levels of Children's Centre provision and performance delivered within existing financial envelopes.
- Additional Social Value that some of the centres bring to local Kent Communities.
- The potential impact on service users

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

Following the discussion on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, it was agreed that further information and scoping was required before a decision could be taken. This included further conversations with the commissioned centres. This information was presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee at an extraordinary meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and resulted in the endorsement of the decision outlined above.

Following this, conversations between the provider and KCC have taken place, which have meant that a more detailed discussion on this proposed decision took place at CYPE Cabinet Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> January where the Committee recommended that the Cabinet Member take the decision to bring Riverside Children's Centres into KCC directly delivered provision fully within the Early Help model and re-provision the existing Early Help offer with services continuing to be delivered at the Riverside Centre, through a 3 year lease agreement with Canterbury City Council, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee on 18th January 2018.

**Any alternatives considered:**

This recommendation was included in the report presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 and on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017:

1. To bring four of the six currently commissioned Children's Centres (Riverside, Folkestone Early Years, Hythe Bay and The Village) into internal provision.
2. To ensure a robust re-provision of the existing EHPS offer to include delivery of service that is currently provided by four of the Commissioned Children's Centres (listed in above).
3. To reduce the current funding levels of the two remaining commissioned centres, Millmead and Seashells, by 30%.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:  
None

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Signed

24 January 2018.....  
Date