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To: Children and Young People Cabinet Committee – 22 September 2020

Subject: **Decisions Summary Report – For Information**

Classification: Unrestricted

Previous Pathway of Paper: None

Future Pathway of Paper: None

Electoral Division: All

Summary: This information report summarises the decisions taken by the Cabinet Richard Long, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and Susan Chandler, Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's Services during the temporary suspension of Cabinet Committee meetings during the COVID19 pandemic.

Recommendation(s): Children and Young People Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** the report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In the absence of Cabinet Committees, revised arrangements were put in place for taking key decisions remotely.
- 1.2 To ensure Members were engaged with decision-making, the new arrangements included a Pre-PROD (Proposed Record of Decision) stage in addition to existing decision-making stages.
- 1.3 Following publication of the Forthcoming Executive Decisions summary on the KCC website, under the Pre-PROD stage, a confidential draft decision report and PROD was emailed to relevant Cabinet Committee members asking for comments and questions. Any feedback would be shared with the Cabinet Member for consideration.
- 1.4 The final draft decision report and PROD was then published on the KCC website and emailed to relevant Cabinet Committee members asking again for comments and questions to be shared with the Cabinet Member for consideration before the Record of Decision was published. Once published, the decision was subject to a call-in period of five working days before it could

be implemented. This is in-line with the decision-making procedures as set out in the KCC Constitution.

- 1.5 In April, the government passed emergency legislation which allowed local authorities to hold virtual meetings. After testing technology to ensure the meetings could run smoothly, Cabinet Committee briefings were organised for June. The Children and Young People Cabinet Committee briefing was held on 11 June 2020 when a summary of decisions taken or in progress was reported.

2. Decision Summary

- 2.1 Following further consideration of the governance and meeting arrangements by the Monitoring Officer, formal Cabinet Committee meetings have resumed from 1 July 2020.

- 2.2 In the period that the Cabinet Committee was suspended the following decisions have been taken:

- 20/00048 - Land off of Seal Road Sevenoaks taken on 11 May 2020
- 20-00040 - Proposal to make prescribed alterations to Stone Bay (Foundation) Special School from September 2020. - taken on 12 May 2020
- 20-00036 - To extend the current contract with Liquidlogic until 2021 – taken on 13 May 2020
- 20-00038 - Five Acre Wood – increase to Designated Number – taken on 19 May 2020
- 20-00039 - Change of age range at Greenfields School – taken on 19 May 2020
- 20/00018 – Post 16 Transport Policy – taken on 20 May 2020
- 20/00046 - Proposal to temporarily expand The Westlands (Secondary Academy) School by 1.5FE (45 places) for September 2021 – 21 May 2020
- 20- 00017 - Recommissioning of Early Help Services – taken on 29 May 2020
- 20/00053 - Increase the Designated Number of places at Broomhill Bank School, - taken on 24 June 2020
- 20/00037 - To Determine an updated County Elective Home Education Policy (EHE) – taken on 24 June 2020

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Recommendation: The Children and Young People Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** the report.

4. Background Documents

None

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