

By: Anna Taylor, Scrutiny Research Officer
To: Scrutiny Committee, 7 December 2022
Subject: Decision 22/00094 – Family Hubs Transformation

Summary: As requested by the Chairman and Spokespeople of the Scrutiny Committee the Committee is invited to discuss the Family Hubs Transformation decision.

1. Introduction

- a) On 14 October the Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's Services took an urgent decision to agree:
 - a. the principle of adopting a Family Hub Model of provision for Open Access Services in Kent, in accordance with the Government Policy on Family Hubs and Start for Life which align with the priorities of the Executive and the Council as per the Strategic Statement;
 - b. to accept relevant funding via the Family Hub Transformation Authority programme, including agreement to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding requirement to participate as a Transformation Authority;
 - c. to confirm that any implementation or full delivery of a Family Hub Model in Kent will be subject to the development of detailed proposals, appropriate consultation, engagement and governance through normal Executive Decision-making arrangements;
 - d. to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's Services, to undertake relevant actions, including but not limited to entering into contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.
- b) The Chairman and Spokespeople considered that this decision needed further exploration and discussion and, in line with the right any Member of the Council has to place an item on the Scrutiny agenda for discussion, have requested that this takes place at the Scrutiny Committee on 7 December.

2. Attached documents

- a) [Decision Details](#)
- b) [Urgent Record of Decision](#)
- c) [Decision Report](#)
- d) [EqIA](#)

3. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the information provided at the meeting in response to Members' questions on the Family Hubs Transformation decision.

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