

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TAKEN BY

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## DECISION NO.

**12/01982**

**Unrestricted**

### Subject:

Provision of a 'local authority approved' register of training providers who deliver paediatric first aid training in early years settings (including maintained schools, non-maintained schools, and all settings registered on Ofsted Early Years).

### Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills I agree that Kent County Council establish and maintain an approval system for training providers who deliver paediatric first aid training to early years providers, in accordance with the methods and criteria set out in option (C) of the attached report.

### Reason(s) for decision

The Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage 2012 requires that people responsible for first aid in early years settings must have completed training that has been provided by a 'local authority approved' training provider, this applies to maintained schools, non-maintained schools, and all settings registered on Ofsted Early Years Register.

Commissioning of all PFA training was drawn down from the procurement framework and in March 2012 information was received that this practice left the council open to potential legal challenge, from providers who could not gain approval from the local authority and therefore could not work in Kent.

This new approval system will not only fully safeguard children being looked after by professionals expected to deliver first aid, but also protect the council from legal challenge from providers.

### Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation

The proposed decision was considered by the Education cabinet Committee at its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012. The committee unanimously agreed that Kent County Council should establish and maintain an approval system for training providers who deliver paediatric first aid training to early years providers, in accordance with the methods and criteria set out in option (C) of the attached report

### Any alternatives considered:

The three options consider are as outlined below:

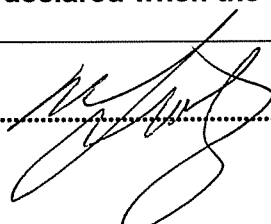
- (a) Communicate to the sector that only those on the procurement framework are approved to deliver Paediatric First Aid and sign post to these.
- (b) Communicate to the Sector that all training providers delivering a paediatric First Aid 12 hours taught course with the relevant appropriate content and are approved by HSE, or a reputable body [list to be produced] and have relevant public liability / indemnities are approved by Kent County Council. It would be the responsibility of the setting to ensure that the provider meets the standards laid down by the Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage 2012.
- (c) Implementation of a Kent County Council approval process.

The two options outlined above were discarded as they could have left the authority open to challenge and it was recommended that option C is adopted.

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

None

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signed



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date

28 November 2012

