

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY
Peter Oakford, Cabinet Member for Specialist Children’s Services

DECISION NO.
14/00090

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Subject: : Revised Policy on Financial Allowances for Children’s Arrangements

Decision:
As Cabinet Member for Specialist Children’s Services, I AGREE:

To the revised policy on financial allowances for children’s arrangements for the provision of support for children, their families and carers as they relate to Child Arrangements Orders, Special Guardianship Orders, Adoption Orders and looked after children.

The revised policy is set out in sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the recommendation report.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken None


Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information
The policy has been updated to reflect changes in guidance as well as evolving case law. The Local authority has a range of responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and in doing so should have regard to the statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Education and evolving case law.

Background Documents:
Recommendation report from Corporate Director to Cabinet Member

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
The proposed policy was discussed at the 23 Sept 2014 Children’s Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee. Officers introduced the report and explained that the current change was being proposed to regulate and bring the payment levels in line with recent case law judgements and to introduce appropriate uplifts.
The committee resolved that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Specialist Children’s Services, to revise the policy on financial allowances, as set out in the report, be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered:
None. The changes are needed to reflect changes in guidance and case law.

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

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 date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published	