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<b>DECISION / OUTCOME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>
<p><b>BLACKPOOL CHILDREN’S CENTRE REVIEW</b></p> <p>The Executive agreed the recommendations as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To agree to implement the new model of Children’s Centre delivery from January 2020, as outlined in Appendix 2a to the Executive Report.</li> <li>2. To agree to move towards a centrally funded neighbourhood model with extended delivery in three Children’s Centres and an outreach offer in six Family Centres.</li> <li>3. To agree that the savings made this year from the Dedicated School Grant (DSG) before it ceases will be used to support the Schools, Academies and Local Authority currently commissioned to respond to any potential redundancies and pension strain costs relating to the transition to the new model.</li> </ol>	<p>Blackpool Children’s Centres have been a well-used community asset since 2005. In order to protect Blackpool’s Children’s Centres in the context of significant financial challenge the Council has looked to best practice to develop a neighborhood Hub and Spoke model (consisting of Children’s Centres and outreach Family Centres). Due to the reduction of external funding there would be a risk of losing all of Blackpool’s Children’s Centres unless they evolve.</p> <p>The savings that are required have been driven by the Department for Education (DfE) creating a national funding formulae for schools. A separate central school services block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) provides funding for so-called “historic commitments”, such as the contribution in Blackpool to School-Based Children’s Centre delivery. However, with the creation of the new formulae there is an expectation that historic commitments will unwind over time, therefore the £1million contribution from the Dedicated Schools Grant which contributes to Blackpool School Based Children’s Centres will no longer be available.</p> <p>A review and consultation have been undertaken to find a way forward without reliance on the grant and in order to enhance delivery using a locality model of Children’s Centres and Family Centres.</p>	EX26/2019	08/07/2019	Councillor Graham Cain, Deputy Leader of the Council (Children)

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<p><b>TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF 331 BISPHAM ROAD AND REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES</b></p> <p>The Deputy Leader agreed the recommendations as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To agree to the temporary closure of 331 Bispham Rd with effect from 6 August 2019 until 31 October 2019 while the outcome of the residential review which will inform future need/provision is awaited.</li> <li>2. To agree the interim temporary deployment of the staff group at 331 Bispham Road into other social care areas until 31 October 2019, pending the outcome of the above review.</li> </ol> <p>As part of the review to consult with staff and Unions as to whether the present use of 331 Bispham Road is appropriate and if not alternative options as to the future use of the site, the results to form part of the future report to the Executive.</p>	<p>A residential review is taking place to inform the Council of the future need and shape of residential provision within Blackpool. This review has been commissioned independently to look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present and future projected demand/need.</li> <li>• Configuration of services to meet projected demand/need based on our model of practice and principles in respect to care for children and young people.</li> <li>• Future delivery of services, including reviewing both in-house and external provision in respect to the meeting of demand/need and value for money in line with present and future framework costs.</li> <li>• The residential review will be fully considered and full report brought to October Executive for decision to be made.</li> </ul>	<p>PH41/2019</p>	<p>31/07/2019</p>	<p>Councillor Graham Cain, Deputy Leader of the Council (Children)</p>
<p><b>BLACKPOOL EARLY YEARS PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2019/2020</b></p> <p>The Executive agreed the recommendation as follows:</p> <p>To agree the Blackpool Early Years Partnership Strategy 2019/2020 for the period until 30 September 2020 and endorse its key strategic priorities.</p>	<p>The Local Authority is required to strategically plan with their partners to improve the outcomes of all children under 5 and secure appropriate child care provision. This partnership strategy brings together the commitment of partners and the Local Authority to support the strategy.</p>	<p>EX33/2019</p>	<p>16/09/2019</p>	<p>Councillor Kath Benson, Cabinet Member for Schools, Education and Aspiration</p>

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<p><b>SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES SERVICE STRATEGY</b></p> <p>The Executive agreed the recommendation as follows:</p> <p>To agree the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Service Strategy 2019/2021, including its vision and strategic objectives, with effect until 30 September 2021.</p>	<p>Since the introduction of the Children and Families Act in 2014, partners in the Local Area are required to publish a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Services Strategy. The strategy must be consulted on with wider partners and stakeholders. It must include arrangements on how the Local Area plan to meet the needs of young people aged 0-25, and how they will have their needs identified and support offered if they have a Special Educational Need.</p> <p>The strategy aims to meet the requirements of the Children and Families Act in a way that is ambitious, inclusive and realistic in a challenging financial context and therefore forms the Council’s policy for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The strategy is centred around a vision for all children and young people, particularly those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or are looked after to have the right support and opportunities at the right time so that they become resilient, happy and successful in their adulthood. The Council wants to be aspirational and ambitious for all children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, especially where that child may be looked after.</p>	<p>EX34/2019</p>	<p>16/09/19</p>	<p>Councillor Kath Benson, Cabinet Member for Schools, Education and Aspiration</p>
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