

## Delegated Decision Notice

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

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| <b>Decision type</b>                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Decision  | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision   | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision                                       |
| <b>Approximate value</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 |
| <b>Director<sup>1</sup></b>          | Director of Children and Families   |   |  |
| <b>Contact person:</b>               | Rebecca McCormack   |   | Telephone number:<br>0113 3787217  |
| <b>Subject<sup>2</sup>:</b>          | Determination of Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) rates  |   |  |
| <b>Decision details<sup>3</sup>:</b> | What decision has been taken?<br>(Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.)<br>Determined the FEEE funding to be paid to providers as:<br><b>2 Year Old Funding - £5.36 per hour per eligible child</b><br><br><b>3 and 4 Year Old Funding</b><br>Determined the formula for the FEEE income as:<br>£0.18 centrally retained<br>£0.26 deprivation supplement<br>£0.05 SENDIF<br>£4.46 base rate paid to all providers (up £0.08 on 2020-21) |   |  |
|                                      | A brief statement of the reasons for the decision<br>(Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate)<br><br>Leeds City Council receives FEEE funding from the Department of Education (DfE) as part of the Early Years block of the DSG. The DfE have increased the rate paid to the Local Authority by £0.08 per hour per child for 2 year olds and £0.06 per hour for 3 and 4 year olds.                                    |   |  |


<sup>1</sup> Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

<sup>2</sup> If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

<sup>3</sup> Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

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|  | <p>Feedback from providers on the proposal for the funding indicated that providers would prefer as much money as possible to be paid via the base rate, and less paid to them via the supplements.</p> <p>The Director of Children &amp; Families was recommended to approve the breakdown of the Free Early Education Entitlement DSG allocation as follows:</p> <p><b>2 Year old funding</b>-The 2 year old FEEE funding rate paid to Leeds City Council (the LA) by the DfE has increased from £5.28 to £5.36 for each eligible hour of entitlement and that this is to be passed on directly to providers as their hourly rate for 2 year olds.</p> <p><b>3 and 4 Year Old funding</b> - The 3 and 4 year old FEEE funding rate paid to Leeds City Council by the DfE has increased from £4.89 per eligible hour to £4.95. This breaks down as:</p> <p>£0.18 centrally retained<br/> £0.26 deprivation supplement<br/> £0.05 SENDIF<br/> £4.46 base rate paid to all providers (up £0.08 on 2020-21)</p> <p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>Following feedback from providers during the consultation it has been agreed that a review of the Deprivation Supplement will be undertaken during 2021/22 for implementation in 2022/23.</p> |
| <b>Affected wards:</b>                                 | All   |
| <b>Details of consultation undertaken<sup>4</sup>:</b> | <p>Executive Member: Councillor Venner</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p>  |

<sup>4</sup> Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

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|  | Others: All Early Years Childcare providers, School Forum  |   |                             |
| <b>Implementation</b>                                | Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation<br><br>Accountable Officer is the Lead for Admissions and FIS.<br>The first payments to be made to providers will be made on 2 April 2021. |   |                             |
| <b>List of Forthcoming Key Decisions<sup>5</sup></b> | Date Added to List:-<br>25.01.21   |   |                             |
|  | <b>If Special Urgency or General Exception</b> a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision   |   |                             |
|  | <b>If Special Urgency</b> Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval<br>Signature _____ Date _____  |   |                             |
| <b>Publication of report<sup>6</sup></b>             | If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible:   |   |                             |
|  | If published late relevant Executive member's approval<br>Signature _____ Date _____   |   |                             |
| <b>Call In</b>                                       | Is the decision available <sup>7</sup> for call-in?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|  | <b>If exempt from call-in</b> , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:   |   |                             |
| <b>Approval of Decision</b>                          | Authorised decision maker <sup>8</sup><br>Sal Tariq – Director of Children & Families  |   |                             |
|  | Signature<br>   | Date: 12/3/21                           |                             |

<sup>5</sup> See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

<sup>6</sup> See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

<sup>7</sup> See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in under rule 5.1.3.

<sup>8</sup> Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.