

Decisions taken by the Public Accounts Select Committee on Tuesday, 25 September 2018

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2018	RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2018 be agreed as an accurate record.
A2	Declarations of interest	There were none.
A3	Responses from Mayor and Cabinet	There were none.
A4	Cost pressures in children's social care	<p>RESOLVED: That a referral be made to Mayor and Cabinet as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee notes the report and recognises the severity of the budget issues raised. • The Council must learn lessons from the problems and issues raised. • In particular, the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) recommends that improved, more accurate and more detailed financial information is produced in relation to this budget and properly utilised by the relevant officers; and that regular monitoring reports are received by the Public Account Select Committee on this budget; It also expects that action is taken to reduce cost pressures, such as transport; (b) notes that “best practice costs less”, with particular regard to management and staffing, and looks forward to changes being made to current practice that will lead to this result; and (c) notes and welcomes the fact that a recommendation to increase the base budget for this service, so it is more realistic, will be considered by Mayor and Cabinet on 10 October 2018; however, any future increase to the base must be

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		<p>considered within the context of the Council’s overall priorities and financial strategy and follow further monitoring to ensure the necessary efficiencies have meanwhile taken place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relation to (a) and (b) above, the Committee acknowledges the need for, and welcomes the prospect of, a new and comprehensive improvement strategy; notes the outline improvement plan appended to the report presented to the Committee; notes that a more detailed plan has been produced that is currently in draft form; and welcomes the prospect of a better financial framework – including the accounting for costs in other related services to Children’s Social Care – to support the plan, as referred to in (c) above.
A5	Financial forecasts 2018-19	RESOLVED: That the report be noted and a detailed written update on (a) the Technology and Change overspend and (b) the Youth First funding situation be provided to the Committee.
A6	Income generation update	RESOLVED: That the report be noted and figures for December provided.
A7	Select Committee work programme	<p>RESOLVED: That the work programme be amended as follows:</p> <p><u>7 November 2018:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional item added on the Adult Social Care Budget Income generation – moved to the meeting on 20 December 2018
A8	Referrals to Mayor and Cabinet	A referral to Mayor and Cabinet was agreed in relation to item 3 (the Children’s Social Care Budget) as outlined above.

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