

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date of Decision:	6 th August 2026
Title:	Proposal to deregister existing Children's Centres to enable the Council to move forward with the Family Hubs programme
Decision Maker: (Including Job Title)	Nicola Curley, Executive Director, Children & Young People's Services in consultation with Councillor Cusworth, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People
Details of Specific Delegation or Delegation contained in the relevant Sub-Scheme of Delegation.	Cabinet Meeting Minutes - 13th April 2026 Minute 146 refers Approves a consultation on proposals to deregister the existing Children's Centres to enable the Council to move forward with the Family Hubs programme and for the decision, based on the consultation, to be delegated to the Executive Director for Children and Young People's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.
Decision:	For RMBC to formally deregister Children's Centres and for them to be rebranded in line with the Family Hubs programme
Reasons for the Decision:	Feedback is that the dual approach of retaining both Children's Centres and Family Hubs is confusing for families, the children's workforce, wider partners and elected members. Furthermore, it is contradictory to the aim of the Best Start Family Hubs and Healthy Babies programme, which is to transform the way services are delivered so that families are provided with the integrated support they need to care for their children from conception, throughout the early years, and into the start of adulthood, making sure they get the right help, at the right time, in an easy way.
Details of alternative options considered and rejected:	A second option for consideration by Cabinet was to continue with the current arrangement of both Children's Centres and Family Hubs.
Conflicts of interest declared by any Cabinet Member consulted by the	None

decision maker which relates to the decision:	
Dispensations Granted: (If any)	None
Conflicts of interest declared by the Decision Maker if they sit as a Cabinet appointed representative to an outside body which relates to the decision:	None
Dispensations Granted: (If any)	None
Reports or parts of reports considered	Cabinet report dated 13 th April 2026 titled Family Hubs progress update and extension written by Kirsty Woodhead, Head of Service Family Help

I certify that this is a true record of the executive decision to:

For RMBC to formally deregister Children's Centres and for them to be rebranded in line with the Family Hubs programme

I confirm that in making this decision, due regard was given to the seven principles of public life.

Signed by the Decision Maker:



Dated: 6th August 2026.

Name: Nicola Curley

Job Title: Executive Director, Children & Young People's Services.