

COMMISSIONER NEWSAM'S DECISION MAKING
Thursday, 2nd April, 2015

Present:- Councillor Commissioner Newsam.

Also in attendance was Councillor Watson, Advisory Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Social Care.

1. IMPROVEMENTS TO ICT USE WITHIN SOCIAL CARE - PROGRESS UPDATE AND RECRUITMENT APPROVAL

In late 2014, following Commissioner Newsam's appointment as Children's Commissioner, the Council had been instructed to address the severe deficits in the ICS system as a matter of urgency and procure a replacement system.

A programme board was established to oversee 3 distinct workstreams which would address the issues raised by Professor Jay and Ofsted findings:-

Workstream 1 – Immediate System and Process Improvements
Workstream 2 – Social Care System – Market Testing and Procurement
Workstream 3 – Greater use of Mobile Technologies

The report set out project timelines and funding requirements for the creation of the key posts in the Project Team.

2. EXTENSIONS AND ADAPTATIONS TO THE HOMES OF FOSTER CARERS AND ADOPTERS

Request for further funds to continue to provide home extensions and adaptations for foster carers and adopters.

Defer for 28 days for inclusion in the Forward Plan.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: - That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended 2006 – information relates to finance and business affairs).

4. IMPROVEMENTS TO ICT USE WITHIN SOCIAL CARE - OUTCOME OF SYSTEM PROCUREMENT EXERCISE

Outcome of the recent Social Care System procurement exercise.