

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

**THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2024**

(Note: any verbal updates provided by Executive Members and the Youth MPs will be summarised in the Minutes of the meeting)

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>Key Action</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 be agreed as a correct record.	Recommendations Approved
<b>Leader</b>			
<b>Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>			
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Commissioning and contracting update for People Services</b>	<b>RESOLVED –</b>  That the Executive Board:  1) A review and redesign of the commissioning function across People Services is progressing and the implementation of this new structure is underway. When implemented, this new structure will provide a significant increase in the capacity and capability of the strategic and operational commissioning functions.  2) Whilst the review of the commissioning function is completed, measures are being implemented and a work programme developed to ensure continuity of service/support provision through contracts for commissioned services being progressed.	Recommendations Approved

<b>Children, Young People &amp; Education</b>			
<b>8.2</b>	<b>SEND Partnership Strategy</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED -</b></p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve the revised SEND Strategy and, in doing so, acknowledge and support the principles and desired outcomes of the revised Strategy.</li> <li>2) Continue to champion the work of the SEND partnership, noting its journey so far and how the partnership will continue to drive forward improvements for children and young people with SEND in Blackburn with Darwen.</li> <li>3) Note the need to undertake a medium-term financial assessment of the impact of the continuing pressures on SEND provision on the High Needs DSG budget and the Council's General Fund.</li> </ol>	Recommendations Approved
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Mockingbird Family Model</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED -</b></p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Agree to establish a single constellation of the Mockingbird Model with effect from October 2024.</li> <li>2) Agree to make budget provision of £80k in the financial year 2025/26 funded by way of a contribution from the Invest to Save Reserve.</li> <li>3) Agree that, subject to the success of the first constellation, the continuing costs of the Mockingbird Model is funded by way of a virement from the Placements Budget (so that the overall cost is neutral for the Council).</li> </ol>	Recommendations Approved

		<p>4) Give delegated authority to the Strategic Director Children, Young People and Education, in consultation with the Executive Members for Children, Young People and Education to implement up to 4 additional constellations subject to the costs being met from consequent savings in the Placements Budget.</p>	
8.4	<b>Corporate Parenting Strategy 2024 - 2027</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED –</b></p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>1) Considers and agrees the new Corporate Parenting Strategy for 2024 – 2027.</p>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Public Health, Prevention &amp; Wellbeing</b>			
8.5	<b>WorkWell Vanguard</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED -</b></p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>1) Note the successful outcome of the Vanguard application and authorise the acceptance of the funding allocation to Blackburn with Darwen up to the maximum potential of £807,700 as detailed in the finance section.</p> <p>2) Subject to acceptance of grant and confirmation of the grant agreement, give authority to a supplementary revenue estimate of £240,000 in 2024/25 and £567,700 in 2025/26 (noting that a proportion of the grant funding is payment by results) being the necessary budget provision to deliver the work set out in this report.</p> <p>3) Agree that a further report on this matter be submitted to</p>	Recommendations Approved

		the Executive Board in 12 months' time detailing progress and, where it is possible to do so, outlining how this work might be sustained post March 2026.	
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