

Statutory Notice of Forthcoming Executive Key Decision taken under the provisions of Standing Order C20

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Title:	Review of Lancashire County Council Foster Carer Fees
Summary:	<p>The report proposes a revised payment structure for all approved Lancashire County Council Foster Carers. The proposals put forward are informed by detailed analysis of the financial support arrangements that exist in comparator Local Authorities and Independent Fostering Agencies.</p> <p>The proposed changes will deliver increased financial support to Lancashire Foster Carers that is comparable to the allowances and fees that are received by carers for other local authorities and those who foster for an Independent Fostering Agency (based on the payment to the carer, not the overall cost of the placement).</p> <p>The overarching aim is to support the recruitment and retention of Lancashire Foster Carers, against a national backdrop of insufficient carers for the children who require placements. This will support our 'Where our Children Live' strategic aims to place children close to their home and networks of support, whilst seeking to reduce reliance on more costly Independent Fostering Agency placements.</p> <p>This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order C20 have been complied with. Compliance with Standing Order C19 was impractical due to an administrative oversight on the part of the service which meant that this proposed decision, which will be key due to the financial implications, was not included in the statutory notification of key decisions which is published 28 days prior to the Cabinet meeting.</p>
Decision-Maker:	Cabinet
Expected Decision Date:	Thursday, 03 March 2022
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List of documents/ Background Papers Used:	None
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