


New Submission for the Forward Plan of Decisions

All proposed Key Decisions must be published on the Forward Plan for 28 days before the decision can be made.

Complete all fields and return to the relevant Cabinet Office for Cabinet Member approval.

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| Title of Decision | Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities Contracts 2023-2028 |
| Brief summary of the issue to be decided | <p>Section 25 of the Children and Young Persons Act requires local authorities to provide short breaks for families with disabled children. Short breaks give carers a break from caring while enabling children and young people to meet friends, take part in activities, develop independence and have fun.</p> <p>The current contracts for Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities end 31st March 2023 and this report recommends the recommissioning of the Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities offer which will ensure Essex County Council meets its duties.</p> |
| Cabinet Member | Cllr Beverley Egan |
| Lead Officer | <p>Chris Martin, Director Strategic Commissioning and Policy</p> <p>(contact Clare.Burrell@essex.gov.uk – Head of Strategic Commissioning and Policy)</p> |
| Consultation (who has been or will be consulted, including the public) | <p>There has been significant public consultation on the development of Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities, including consulting over 420 families through surveys, interviews and focus groups to develop the Short Breaks Commissioning Strategy.</p> <p>Additionally, further engagement was undertaken through focus groups and formal consultation (November 2021 – January 2022) which shapes the recommendations in the paper.</p> <p>The market and operational stakeholders have been consulted and will continue to be engaged throughout the recommissioning cycle.</p> <p>Families Leadership Team will be consulted on the 24th February 2022.</p> |

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| Who will take the decision | Cabinet Meeting |
| Date on which or period within which we expect the decision to be taken | Either Cabinet meeting on 19 th April 2022 date OR 24 th May 2022 |
| List of documents (submitted to the decision maker for consideration, this must include an Equality Impact Assessment) |  Equality Impact Assessment.EQIA402 |

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