

Record of Decisions

The Future of The Nest Nursery, Brixham

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 27 February 2014

Decision

Should the received bid not meet the mandatory procurement requirements, the Director of Children's Services be authorised to consult on the proposed closure of The Nest Nursery, Brixham. The consultation would propose that the Nursery closes on the 31 August 2014.

Reason for the Decision

Without a successful procurement outcome the Nursery will continue to require a financial subsidy from the Children's Services budget. The Children's Services budget needs to prioritise financial resources to ensure statutory functions are being met. The direct delivery of a Nursery provision by the Local Authority is not a statutory function.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 12 March 2014 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Nest Nursery continues to require an on-going budgetary subsidy from Children's Services (£40k per annum). To remove the budget subsidy the Local Authority has engaged in a tendering exercise with the intention of transferring the Nursery to an external provider. The Council has received one bid from a potential service provider which needs further evaluation to ensure it meets the mandatory procurement requirements.

The Mayor supported the recommendations of the Council made on 27 February 2014, as set out in his decision above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options are set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I016084

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

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