

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Learning and School Effectiveness  
Children and Families

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Children and Families – Councillor Sylvia Tidy on Wednesday 26 February 2014 at County Hall, Lewes

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Councillors Charlton, Field, Forward and St Pierre spoke on item 4 (see minute 37)

### 35. MINUTES

35.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 20 January 2014.

35.2 The Interim Director of Children's Services reported that the issue of home to school transport in shared community areas would be subject to further consultation between headteachers and the Director of Children's Services.

### 36. REPORTS

36.1 A copy of the report referred to below is contained in the minute book.

### 37. REVISED FOSTERING ALLOWANCE STRUCTURE FOR RELATED FOSTER CARERS

37.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Interim Director of Children's Services which sought approval for a revised policy and procedure in relation to making payments to related foster carers, and for the Director of Children's Services to make payment of all fees from 1 April 2014.

#### DECISION

37.2 **RESOLVED** to (1) approve the policy and procedure in relation to making payments to related foster carers (Family and Friends); and  
(2) authorise the Director of Children's Services to make payment of fees to all related foster carers from 1 April 2014.

#### Reasons

37.3 The policy and procedure is transparent in relation to the payment of the fee element of the fostering allowances that does not differentiate between related and non-related foster carers. In order to ensure that related foster carers develop their skills the requirement of additional training within a timescale will be introduced.