

LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Children and Families, Councillor Sylvia Tidy, on 11 December 2017 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillors David Elkin and Kathryn Field spoke on item 4 (see minute 3)

1 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBERS ON 12 OCTOBER 2015

1.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2015.

2 REPORTS

2.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

3 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LANSDOWNE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME

3.1 The Lead Member for Children and Families considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which presented the business case for extending Lansdowne Secure Children's Home. The Lead Member also considered the written comments of Councillor Galley.

3.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to: (1) note the work of the project group when considering the benefits and risks associated with a proposed expansion; and

(2) agree to extend the current number of beds at Lansdowne Secure Children's Home from 7 to 11/12.

Reasons

3.3 The business case takes into account the current performance of the service, the cost of operations, the charges that can be applied to placements and the level of demand that are known and anticipated for such placements. There are a number of risks that are recognised in respect of operating a secure unit, and increasing capacity also increases the financial risk of earning income from placements outside of ESCC to cover operating costs. However it is considered that the benefits outweigh the risks.