

## LEAD MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND INCLUSION, SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY

MINUTES of a meeting of the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability held at County Hall, Lewes on 23 November 2020.

++ The Lead Member was not present in person, but took the decisions remotely ++

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Councillor Kathryn Field spoke on item 2 (see minute 11)

Councillor Alan Shuttleworth spoke on item 4 (see minute 13)

### 10 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 22 OCTOBER 2020

10.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2020.

### 11 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

11.1. Councillor Kathryn Field declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as Chair of Battle Pre-School.

### 12 URGENT ITEMS

12.1 There were no urgent items.

### 13 EAST SUSSEX CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2020

13.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding the East Sussex Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2020.

13.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED – to approve an extension to the period covered by the 2019/20 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment to include the 2020/21 academic year.

Reason

13.3 Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the ability to predict how the childcare market could change, the sector is in a state of flux. The current published Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2019/20 will provide the local authority with a benchmark against which to monitor the market and provide a basis for decisions by providers and the local authority with regard to childcare provision in the future. It is proposed that a fully updated Childcare Sufficiency Assessment covering the period 2021/22 is published in the autumn of 2021.