

LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Children and Families, Councillor Bob Bowdler, on 23 March 2026 at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Councillors Nuala Geary, Christine Robinson and Stephen Shing spoke on item 4 (see minute 10)

1. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

1.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2024.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

2.1 Councillor Christine Robinson declared a personal interest in item 5 as the Lewes Emergency Food Network sits within her division, she did not consider this to be prejudicial.

3. URGENT ITEMS

3.1 There were none.

4. REPORTS

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

5. CRISIS AND RESILIENCE FUND - EAST SUSSEX DELIVERY PLAN FRAMEWORK

5.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services.

DECISIONS

5.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the background to Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) and the work that is completed and ongoing to develop our local East Sussex CRF Delivery Plan; and
- 2) Agree to the overall approach and high-level Delivery Plan Framework, noting that detail will be further developed and appropriate approvals sought for specific elements of the scheme; and
- 3) Agree that decisions on the detailed use of CRF is delegated to the Director for Adult Social Care and Health, in consultation with the Director for Children's Services.

REASONS

5.3 The Crisis and Resilience Fund provides a significant opportunity to support residents and households in East Sussex and support a number of objectives of East Sussex County Council and system partners.

5.4 There is an expectation that services will be provided as soon as possible from the beginning of the Fund period (1 April 2026). To meet this requirement and to ensure residents and households in East Sussex have access to support as soon as possible, the rapid development and mobilisation of a number of new or enhanced services is required.