

## London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Record of Cabinet Member Decision

***The call-in has expired and this decision can be implemented.***

- ❖ Draft Decision List published on: 3 October 2021
- ❖ Confirmed Decision List published on: 7 October 2021

1. **TITLE: Approval to the 2021/22 financial contributions to CCG-held Speech and Language Therapy contracts**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member for Children and Education

3. **DECISION:**

**The Cabinet Member for Children and Education:**

1. Notes and ratifies the annual 2021/22 financial contribution of £1,112,074 towards the contract held by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for Speech and Language Therapy services provided by Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust (CLCH).
2. Notes and ratifies an additional financial contribution of £67,460 towards the contract held by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for Speech and Language Therapy services provided by Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust (CLCH) for the development of the new Language Advisory Service.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The decision enables the Local Authority to discharge its statutory duties in securing provision specified in Section F of the EHC Plan (s.42 Children and Families Act 2014) whilst supporting ongoing transformation work in developing a robust ordinarily available offer that supports meeting speech, language and communication needs earlier and without the need for an EHC Plan.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

**Option 1: Agree to the financial contributions for the Speech and Language services (Recommended)**

This will secure existing provision enabling the Local Authority to continue to meet its statutory responsibilities for this group of children and young people. This proposal maintains the current position whilst the review of provision is undertaken with the aim of improving accessibility to services and provision through a clear early intervention offer.

**Option 2: Do not agree the financial contributions for the Speech and Language (Not recommended)**

The Council would not be able to meet its statutory responsibilities if funding and in turn provision was to cease.

**6. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:**

None

<b>Date of Decision</b>
03 October 2021