

# Commercial Revenue Committee

## Draft Minutes

Wednesday 17 March 2021

### PRESENT

**Committee members:** Councillors Max Schmid and Adam Connell

**Officers:** Sarah Bright, Assistant Director, Children's Commissioning; Grant Deg, Senior Litigation Solicitor; Sharon Lea, Strategic Director of Environment  
Jade Monroe, Chief Solicitor, Legal Services; and David Pearlman, Head of Commercial Sales

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

2. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Max Schmid confirmed the attendance of members in attendance and there were no declarations of interest reported.

3. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.

4. **FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

Sarah Bright provide a brief overview and referenced the innovative practices that had been introduced in terms of early intervention prompted by trauma-informed factors. During the pandemic the delivery model evolved to virtual delivery and provided support to several families despite challenging circumstances. The intention was to bring the Family Support Service (FSS) in house and retain it as an integrated part of the children's social care

services offer. This will allow a greater range of families with increasingly complex needs to be better supported with frontline service delivery.

Councillor Connell welcomed the clarity of the report and commended the innovative and creative work undertaken by FSS in early years intervention and recognised the importance of embedding the provision within children's services offer and continue to support children and young people within the borough. Councillor Schmid received confirmation from Sarah Bright that FSS data would be reviewed and fully captured to ensure a complete transition and that a Children's Services officer had been seconded to FSS to safeguard the process. No change to FSS was planned and the transition would be handled sensitively.

With reference to the report David Pearlman confirmed that FSS was not established with the objective to generating commercial income. It had been submitted to the Committee in accordance with the Council Constitution. This would provide direction to the council appointed board of directors acting as the shareholder.

## **RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee noted the Council's Children's Services Department decision to bring back into the Council Early Help case work and Early Years children centre provision currently provided by Family Support Services (FSS); and
2. That the Committee approved that upon Family Support Services becoming operationally inactive and satisfying all creditors a formal application is made to HMRC for the company status to be made dormant.

Meeting started: 18:00

Meeting ended: 18:10

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