

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
Date Of Decision	5 January 2018
Decision Maker	Catherine Driscoll, Director of Children, Families and Communities
Brief Description Of Decision	<p>Approve the provision and publication of a Direct Payments Policy for children and young people with disabilities living in Worcestershire.</p> <p>This is an operational management policy that represents our corporate approach to the eligibility, provision and management of Direct Payments for children and young people with disabilities living in Worcestershire.</p> <p>This policy has been drawn up in consultation with safeguarding services, audit and legal services along with consultation of service users.</p>
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>The creation and publication of a policy for Direct Payments is required to respond to the requirements of the SEND Code of Practice 2015, (the provision of information, advice and support on the take up and management of Personal Budgets).</p> <p>This information has been previously provided to families in receipt of a direct payment. It is recognised that this information needs to be accessible through the Local Offer.</p> <p>The provision of a Direct Payment Policy does not require a key decision or adoption of a policy that requires a political decision therefore delegated authority is given to the Director of Children, Families and Communities to approve the policy.</p>
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	<p>No policy – rejected as a requirement of the Local Offer and audit recommendation.</p> <p>Policy taken through political decision making process – rejected as not required (advice from the Council's Legal Services)</p>
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	NA