

## Central Bedfordshire Council

### CHILDRENS SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 6 September 2016

### SCHOOLS TRADING 2017/18

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#### **This report relates to a non-Key Decision**

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#### **Purpose of this report:**

1. This report accompanies the Executive Schools Trading Report which proposes the revised prices for services traded to Schools and Academies for 2017/18.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Consider the report and associated appendices and comment as necessary to the Executive.**

#### **Issues**

1. Charges for services traded to Schools and Academies for 2016/17 was presented to the Corporate Resources OSC in February 2016. The following were requested to be considered by the Children's Services OSC: to explore efficiencies with regards to debt recovery, pre payment methods and appropriate pricing of services.

2. The debt recovery related to the Music Services. As a result there have been changes in procedures which have reduced the levels of debts associated with this service.
3. Pre payment also related to the Music services. Pre payment is currently under consideration as referenced at paragraph 24 of the Executive Report on Fees & Charges 2017 (also being taken at this Committee). This will consider a Council wide approach for low value, high volume transactions.
4. All prices are tested to ensure that they are costs reflective as part of the Council's overall approach to Fees & Charges.

### **Council Priorities**

These are identified in the attached Executive Report.

### **Corporate Implications**

These are identified in the attached Executive Report.

### **Conclusion and next Steps**

The comments from the August/September Overview & Scrutiny Committees will be presented to the Executive on the 11th October 2016.

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Executive Report – Schools Trading 2017/18

Appendix A - Statutory and Traded Services to Schools & Academies booklet.

Appendix B – Year on Year Changes to charges.

Appendix C – Overview & Scrutiny Comments