



**Notification to all Members of the council  
of decisions by the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care**

Issued by the Director of Community and Communication.

**Monday, 20 February 2017**

*The details set out below will be published in the next Members' Information Service, but in the meantime are notified to all Councillors in accordance with Rule 15(a) of the Policy and Review Panels Procedure Rules*

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet (or individual Cabinet members) and will be implemented unless the call-in procedure is activated. Rule 15 of the Policy and Review Procedure Rules requires a call-in notice to be signed by any 5 members of the Council. The call-in request must be made to Democratic Services and must be made by not later than 5pm on Monday 27 February 2017.

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the officer indicated. You can also see the report(s) on the Council's web site at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care Decision Meeting Decision Meeting - 20 February</b></p> <p>The cabinet Member has made the following decisions:-</p>	<p><b>Lisa Gallacher 02392 834056 lisa.gallacher@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</b></p>
<b>3</b>	All Wards	<p><b>Means Testing Assessment Policy for Adoption, Special Guardianship, Child Arrangements and Residence Orders</b></p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p><b>DECISIONS: the Cabinet Member approved:</b></p> <p>i. The implementation of the '<i>Means Testing Assessment Policy for Adoption, Special Guardianship, Child Arrangement and Residence Orders</i>' at Appendix 1, with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017; noting potential changes to the 2017-18 Basic Income Support Personal Allowance Rates once approved by the Department for Work and Pensions (see</p>	<p>Richard Webb, Finance Manager</p>

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		<p>Appendix 2).</p> <p>ii. The alignment of the weekly allowance rates for both holders of Adoption and Residence Orders with the age related Standard Fostering Allowance, with effect from the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017; noting that the Standard Fostering Rates will be adjusted in line with changes in the Government Minimum Fostering Allowance rates for the South East.</p> <p>iii. The proposed transitional protection arrangements for carers as set out in section 8 of the report, with the following change to the transitional protection arrangements:</p> <p>The carers experience a reduction of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 20% in their weekly level of financial support; and</li> <li>• The reduction is greater than £75 per week.</li> </ul> <p>iv. The proposed engagement and implementation process with carers as set out in section 9 of the report; which will be led by the Financial Assessment and Benefits team, together with officers from the Children's Social Care service.</p> <p>v. Delegate authority to the Section 151 officer to update the personal allowance rates as required, ensuring that they remain in line with the rates published by the Department for Work and Pensions.</p>	