

# Agenda Item 8f

Ordinary Council Meeting of: 14 November 2023  
Cllr Horton /Cllr Winnington

## **AGENDA ITEM 8f - FFC Pathfinder**

### **Amendment:**

Para 1, replace the word 'the' with 'a'.

Para 3, insert 'the Government social care implementation strategy document' before 'Stable'.

Delete paras 4, 5 and 6 and replace with:

Council notes that:

- The deadline for obtaining this funding was 6 November and the council did not apply
- The Council's current model for Family Safeguarding is regarded as Outstanding by OFSTED.
- Portsmouth has third sector organisations such as The Roberts Centre and Homestart Portsmouth and many others which provide support for children, families, young people and vulnerable adults from across Portsmouth and the surrounding area who are keen to access this funding, but Government regulations stop them from doing so.
- The Council is always keen to support innovation, as evidenced by the current programmes it is engaged with and leading on.

In the resolution section 'This Council calls on...', delete everything before 'refer' in (i), everything before 'Council' in (ii) and replace 'o' with 'f' in (ii) so that it reads 'DfE' and not 'DoE'

### **Therefore the amended motion to read:**

The Families First for Children Pathfinder (FFC Pathfinder) is a delivery mechanism for testing implementation of some of the most significant reforms to how children and families are supported and protected.

The FFC Pathfinder provides local areas with the opportunity to be at the heart of work to transform family help and children's social care, working together with central government to influence future reforms in safeguarding partners, family help, child protection, and family networks.

To date, over £45 million of funding has been made available for the FFC Pathfinder to design and test reforms set out in the Government's social care implementation strategy document Stable Homes, Built on Love. Council notes that:

- The deadline for obtaining this funding was 6 November and the council did not apply.
- The Council's current model for Family Safeguarding is regarded as Outstanding by OFSTED.
- Portsmouth has third sector organisations, such as The Roberts Centre and Homestart Portsmouth, which provide support for children, families, young people and vulnerable adults from across Portsmouth and the surrounding area who are keen to access this funding, but Government regulations stop them from doing so.
- The Council is always keen to support innovation, as evidenced by the current programmes it is engaged with and leading on.

**This Council calls on the administration to:**

- (i) Refer back to Council the rationale for such a stance being taken;
- (ii) Council seeks to encourage Cabinet to take all reasonable steps to access DfE funding to support additional local programmes; and
- (iii) Agree that the City Council, with reference to applications for funding support requests from third sector providers to either align and support such applications or take the lead in making them and progressing such funding requests as are deemed feasible when considering the overall corporate plans and focus of the Administration.

Proposed by (Name) Councillor Suzy Horton

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Seconded by (Name) Councillor Matthew Winnington

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