



Decisions taken by the Executive on Wednesday 13 May 2026

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| Part A – Items considered in public | | |
| A10 | Foster with North East and Regional Care Collaborative | <p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVES the Council’s entry into an agreement to be part of the expanded North East Fostering Hub in line with national policy and guidance. 2. APPROVES the allocation of resources (financial and workforce) as required by the regional model set out in the report. 3. APPROVES the Council’s support to a North East Regional bid to become a ‘Wave 2’ Regional Care Co-operative national pathfinder and support the submission of a bid to the Department for Education by 22nd May 2026. 4. DELEGATES authority to the Corporate Director of Children’s Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Children’s Services to take all necessary steps to implement the recommendations in line with National Policy. |
| A11 | Changing Futures Phase 2 Funding | <p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> |

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| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVE the acceptance of external grant funding of £3,114,939 that would enable the extension of the Changing Futures programme in Middlesbrough for a further three years from April 2026 to March 2029. 2. APPROVE the principles and terms of the Memorandum of Understanding. 3. DELEGATE to the Director of Public Health the authority to approve expenditure in accordance with the Changing Futures Delivery Plan, as directed by the Changing Futures Board, for the funding period April 2026 - March 2029. |
| A12 | Exceptional Hardship Fund - Section 13A (1) (a) Policy Change | <p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVES a time-limited change (2026/27 financial year only) to the Exceptional Hardship Fund - Section 13A (1) (a) policy which was approved at Executive on 4 February 2026. <p>Members were advised that this change would extend eligibility to Council Tax Reduction (CTR) claimants on the basis of their increased income from Universal Credit due to the removal of the two-child restriction, to enable individual council tax bills to remain unaffected, with automatic awards to be made.</p> |
| A13 | Enforcement Policies | <p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVES the General Enforcement Policy 2026-2031 2. APPROVES the Public Protection Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy 2026-2031. 3. APPROVES the Public Protection Civil Penalties Policy 2026-2031 (under the Renters' Rights Act 2025 and other housing legislation) 4. APPROVES a further report be brought to provide an update on the |

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| | | <p>demands and the resource costs of delivering the Renters' Rights Act 2025.</p> <p>5. DELEGATES authority to the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Housing to make minor changes to the above policies in response to changes to governance guidance or legislation.</p> |