

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

B107/24

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

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Subject: Children's Services Framework Contract for 16+ Supported Accommodation (Framework to commence April 2025)

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): Yes

Executive Member/Committee Chairman: Fiona Thomson

Portfolio (Executive Functions only): Children, Young People and Families

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1. Decision

To award 8 successful Providers the Children's Services Framework Contract for 16+ Supported Accommodation (Children Looked After (CLA) aged 16 and 17 years, that was tendered – to commence in April 2025.

2. Reasons for the decision

Decision required to in order to seal the contract from the recent Framework Tender.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

This is a statutory service that the Council has to provide (which is now regulated by Ofsted), for children and young people aged 16 and 17 years who are Children Looked After (CLA). This was tendered for as per instructions by Strategic Procurement and Legal Services.

4. Consultation (see Summary of Requirements below)

Was any Councillor consulted? No

If yes:

(a) Comments of Executive Member/Committee Chairman (*delete as applicable*)

(b) Comments of other consultees

5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision

N/A

6. I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: ...Jo Fisher.....

Title: Executive Director of Childrens Services

Date: **11/04/2025**

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman
General or County-wide	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups