

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 16 August 2022

Decision No: (CAB 22/23 34223)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Councillor Dr Darren Paffey
SUBJECT:	Children's Residential Care Project - Variation of Constraints
AUTHOR:	Niall Tyler

THE DECISION

To authorise the Executive Director Wellbeing, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning to approve the purchase of properties for potential Children's Homes as set out in the Business Plan approved in March 2020, subject to an amendment that purchase may be authorised within adjoining Local Authority areas in addition to the Southampton area as originally approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The project team is finding that there is a lack of suitable properties, at an acceptable price, within the Southampton City Council (SCC) administrative area. However, the team has identified suitable properties in areas such as Rownhams and Hedge End. The extension to the original delegation is required to give effect to the delivery of Children's Homes project within the wider locality and allow the potential purchase of one or more properties such as these and their subsequent conversion to Children's Homes.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The option to purchase properties even further away from Southampton, rather than just the adjoining Local Authorities, was rejected as two aims of the project are 1: To bring children closer to Southampton, and 2: keep funds spent on the 'homes within the local economy.
2. The option of doing nothing will keep the restriction on area of purchase in place, thus making it less likely that the project team can locate and purchase suitable properties for conversion to Children's Homes.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
None.

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Date:	Decision Maker:
_____	The Cabinet
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_____	Proper Officer:
_____	Claire Heather / Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY
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Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in <i>(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)</i>

Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i>

Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>

Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>

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