

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 14 November 2017

Decision No: (CAB 17/18 19653)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE
SUBJECT:	POST 16 SEMI-INDEPENDENT ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT
AUTHOR:	Sam Ray

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve the recommendation to proceed with the collaborative procurement of post 16 semi-independent accommodation and support.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Quality and Integration, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, the Chief Executive and the Council's Chief Financial Officer, up to and including entering into contracts following award for the development and delivery of these services.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. There is a requirement to commission accommodation and support services to comply with procurement rules to avoid having to spot purchase provision over and above current HRS contracts.
2. The proposed collaborative approach will enable the Council to access a wider range of providers who are able to deliver a range of accommodation and support options for young people whilst providing good value for money.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The following options have been explored:

Option 1 - continue to spot purchase provision. This requires no up-front effort and/or market development to expand the range of possible housing support solutions to young people. It may be possible to negotiate better value on a case by case basis. However, the risks of this approach are:

- spot purchasing is not-compliant with procurement regulations or the Council's own CPRs,
- relies on informal provider relationships,

- it does not fix the price paid for accommodation so this may be inflated by the provider without notice or warning,
- it provides low levels of quality assurance around standards, and
- there is little scope to influence the provision that we want for these young people from existing or potential new providers.

2. Option 2 – Procure a Southampton City Council specific solution: This approach would provide a formalised relationship with one or more provider(s), addressing the risks associated with Option 1. However, the Council's demand for this type of provision is limited and, as such, the limited purchasing power the Council would have on its own in the market, may not be able to generate sufficient interest/response to a tender or leverage best value, especially compared to a collaborative procurement involving several neighbouring authorities.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 14 November 2017

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Pat Wood

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

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>