

LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Children and Families, Councillor Bob Bowdler, on 26 September 2022, Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Councillor Wendy Maples spoke on item 4 (see minute 3)

1 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 1 JUNE 2020

1.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2020.

2. REPORTS

2.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book

3. CHILDREN'S SERVICES SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION FRAMEWORK CALL-OFF CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

3.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding the Children's Services Supported Accommodation Framework Call-Off Contract extensions.

3.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve 9-month extensions for 2 Call-Off Contracts under the Children's Services Supported Accommodation Framework as set out the report.

Reason

3.3 The nine-month extensions to Call-Off Contracts under the Supported Accommodation Framework will ensure continuity of provision and stability of placement for care leavers and young people in placement with them at the time the current Call-Off Contracts expire, without any increase in the price per placement, until new contracts can be awarded under a new Approved List (CSAAL).

4. INDEPENDENT FOSTERING AGENCY PLACEMENTS RECOMMISSIONING

4.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding the Independent Fostering Agency Placement Recommissioning.

4.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

1. approve the re-commissioning of the provision of Independent Providers of Foster Care Services through a regional Approved List (which is a hybrid between a framework agreement and DPS agreement); and
2. delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Children's Social Care to award providers a place on the Approved List, including all future provider applications that pass the minimum criteria.

Reason

4.3 It is necessary to re-tender these services as the current framework agreement for foster care placements will expire on 31 March 2023. In order to benefit from collaborative working with regional partners, and to build in sufficient time to carry out a fair and transparent procurement process, the process must commence as soon as possible.