

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E3385****Bath West Children's Centre Service procurement**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Dine Romero, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Communities
The Issue	The Bath West Children's Centre Service is a key part of the Early Help offer for Bath and North East Somerset. The contract expires at the end of March 2023, but it is recommended to extend for a further year until March 2024 before considering the future longer term tender options to allow sufficient time to ensure the future children's centre service aligns with emerging national key policies and areas of work, such as Family Hubs and SEND Review, to ensure that we go out to tender for the right service. The Procurement Steering Group has approved and awarded an Exemption from Contract Standing Orders.
Decision Date	27 July 2022
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that the Bath West Children's Centre service contract shall be awarded to the current provider (Action for Children) for a further year from 1 st April 2023 until 31 st March 2024
Rationale for decision	To enable alignment in the re-commissioning of the Bath West children's centre service with emerging national key policies and areas of work.
Financial and budget implications	£384,959 (already a recurring cost for this contract within the budget)
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer; Director of Public Health, Director of Children's Services and Education, Leader of the Council
How consultation was carried out	Options appraisal which formed a briefing report. Briefing carried out through conversation, via email and report to Informal Cabinet
Other options considered	The option to undertake a tender exercise for a new contract to commence in April 2024 was considered but discounted to allow time to consider the impact of emerging policies.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision	None

Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None
Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Cllr Dine Romero
Date of Signature	27/07/2022
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	