

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E3474**

Bath West Children's Centre Service Procurement

Decision maker/s	Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children's Services
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 2024 but it is recommended to extend for a further year until March 2025 before considering the future longer term tender options to allow sufficient time to ensure the future children's centre service aligns with wider early help review work
Decision Date	5th September 2023
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that a direct award for the Bath West Children's Centre Service may be made to the existing provider for a further year (until 31 st March 2025).
Rationale for decision	To allow time for work to align with the early help review which will inform the future response required from the wider early help system, of which the Bath West Service offer is integral, to be able to respond, adapt and meet children and families' needs.
Financial and budget implications	£384,960 for a 1 year direct award (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; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer, Director of Public Health, Director of Children's Services
How consultation was carried out	Options appraisal which formed a briefing report. Briefing carried out through conversation and via email.
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 for the service to be included in a wider early help review
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:	
Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Councillor Paul May Cabinet Member for Children’s Services Bath and North East Somerset Council
Date of Signature	5 September 2023
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	