

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DIRECTORATE

DELEGATED DECISIONS

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

Reference	CF-24-004
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Accommodation Support – PC003
Delegated Power Number	Delegated Power 455: Exemption The award is for emergency social care, special educational needs, or residential care that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency in order to meet the Council’s statutory requirements.
Date of Exercise	05/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Executive (Non-Key)
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	N/A
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

We have a young person with complex care and support needs where despite referrals/searches on our Fostering and Residential Frameworks and all providers registered with Ofsted we have not found a suitable placement to meet their needs. We have appointed a provider “off framework” on an urgent basis to safeguard a child in our care. We will continue to search for a suitable placement.

The Provider identified will deliver 2:1 support 24/7 in line with the agreed Care Plan.

We are seeking approval to enter a further short-term contract with the provider for emergency social care provision, that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency due to timescales in order to meet the young persons’ needs and the Council’s statutory requirements

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Decision Considerations:

The exemption is required to maintain services for a young person, to meet our statutory duties. The Supplier Questionnaire has been issued to the supplier and appropriate checks have been made.

The Service is essential spend to meet our duty of care.

Full details of decision:

To enter into a contract with Protective Care Group, Head Office Elkstone Studios, Damsun Barn, Gloucestershire, GL53 9 PQ, For the delivery of Homecare (Domiciliary care) services. This is an in out of area placement for 1 child within Tees Valley which will best meet their needs.

Contract start date is 20th November 2023 until 26th February 2024 for a period of 14 weeks

Financial detail:

The contract value for 2:1 Support staff 24/7 will be £14,384.28pw (this may reduce if the night support staff are able to sleep in as opposed to staying awake)

plus additional travel/subsistence for the child up to £190pw (re-charged on cost)

The full contract value will be up to 14 weeks; £201,379.92

plus additional travel/subsistence up to £2660 (re-charged on cost)

Budget Code: 11363

Payment terms for the provider are 14 days.

Delivering Social Value:

The provider has been asked to sign up to the Council's Social Value Charter.

Reasons for Decision:

To meet the Council's statutory requirements, and to meet the needs of the vulnerable young person who is in need of support.

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<p>Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:</p> <p>The service requirement has been advertised through our frameworks without success before advertising wider which has led to the offer that can meet our needs.</p>	
<p>Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:</p>	
<p>Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:</p> <p>This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.</p>	
<p>Background Papers:</p> <p>State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)</p>	
Officer Name (Print)	E.L.Bainbridge
Officer Signature	
Submission date	27.11.2023
Procurement Approval	

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Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

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CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN _____	Date 04/03/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 14/02/2024
	Date 01/02/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 16/02/2024

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Date Decision will become effective	
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Reference	CF-24-009
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Supply and Installation of 'Hully Pods'
Delegated Power Number	DP 455 Exercise power of exemption to Standing Orders in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract Procedure Rules (V) there are other circumstances which are genuinely exceptional.
Date of Exercise	04/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Executive (Non-Key)
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Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	N/A
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

A successful bid for the Government's levelling up partnership fund by Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council was granted in December 2023. Just over £20million will be invested in key projects across the Redcar and Cleveland area. The areas have been selected based on analysis of educational attainment, gross pay, and life expectancy.

The fund will support projects which include enhancement and improvements of five family hubs in Redcar and Cleveland to provide outdoor space facilities and sensory stimulation areas.

The hubs will benefit from investment in the outdoor areas so that the children attending can learn through play outside, especially for those who live in the most disadvantaged areas and do

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not have access to green outdoor spaces within their community. Children with SEND particularly benefit from sensory stimulation and spaces that can facilitate this.

'Hully Pods' are insulated garden room pods and will be utilised to provide the space to develop 3 Forest school outdoor areas at Guisborough, Green Gates and South Bank Family Hubs.

A further 2 Pods will create a SEND sensory outdoor area at Skelton and Redcar Coast Family Hubs which will support the existing early years portage provision, the new 'Sensory Kidz' groups for children 1-4 years with sensory needs and also as a bespoke facility for Short Breaks for children with disabilities during the school holidays.

Decision Considerations:

We have explored the market in terms of solutions to meet our needs and determined that the 'Hully Pods' will best meet our needs and will be delivered and installed within the required time scales.

The exemption is required to meet the requirements of the Dept for Levelling Up and Housing and associated funding which states that projects must commence prior to the 31st March 2024.

The circumstances are exceptional because the funding is via a time limited grant which needs to be spent in the short term not allowing for a formal procurement process.

Compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

The supplier will be asked to complete the Supplier Questionnaire to ensure the appropriate checks are completed.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to award a contract to Hully for the supply and installation of 5 x Hully Pods to provide 2 x sensory outdoor area/provision and 3 x Forest School outdoor area/provision.

Financial detail:

Quote no	Site	Exc. VAT	Inc VAT
1049	Greengates	£7,691.25	£9,229.50
	Redcar Coast	£3,783.75	£4,540.50
1051	Guisborough	£3,978.75	£4,774.50
1052	Skelton	£3,783.75	£4,540.50
1053	South Bank	£7,961.25	£9,229.50

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Total excluding VAT - £27,198.75

Total inclusive VAT - £32,314.50

25% deposit to be paid, then remaining balance upon completion.

Funded from the Levelling Up Partnership fund.

Delivering Social Value:

The investment in the outdoor areas will benefit children and families in the most disadvantaged areas of the Borough, especially those that do not have access to green outdoor spaces within their community. The supplier will also be asked to sign the Council's Social Value Charter.

Reasons for Decision:

The funding is via a timed limited grant which needs to be spent in the short term not allowing for a formal procurement process. The Hully Pods best meet our needs in the timescales required.

Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

Undertaking a competitive procurement process was considered, however, there is insufficient time to complete a competitive procurement process within the timescales required.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

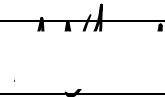
Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:

Background Papers:

Officer Name (Print)

Nicola Hall

Officer Signature



Submission date

30/01/24

Procurement Approval

Request complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules

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CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 04/02/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date 31/01/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 04/03/2024

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Reference	CF-24-010
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Redcar and Cleveland Council Residential Children's Home Contract – ROC Group
Delegated Power Number	Delegated Power 455: Exemption I. the nature of the market for the works to be carried out or the goods or services to be provided has been investigated and is demonstrated to be such that a departure from the requirements of these Rules is justifiable;
Date of Exercise	04/03/2024
Cabinet Member	CLlr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Executive (Non-Key)
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Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	N/A
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Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

On occasion, Redcar and Cleveland Council needs to award contracts with off framework providers, either if the provider has existing residential placements and has decided not to join the latest Framework, or if a suitable placement can't be found with a provider on the Framework therefore in order to meet our sufficiency needs, there are circumstances whereby we need to place children with Children's residential Home providers that do not deliver on existing frameworks. We will only place off framework once all on-framework options have been exhausted. We will also encourage off framework providers to join the existing Tees Valley Residential Children's Home which have openings throughout the year.

Decision Considerations:

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Redcar and Cleveland Council off framework contracts will be awarded to Residential Children's Homes where placements are made for children who are either looked after by the local authority or for children who have been provided with accommodation under section 17 and section 20 of the Children Act 1989.

The Supplier Questionnaire has been issued to the supplier to ensure appropriate checks are made.

The Service is essential spend to meet our duty of care.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement from 1st December 2023 until 31st March 2024 with:

ROC Group

The value of each placement made under the agreement will not exceed the Public Contracts Regulations threshold for Social and Other Specific Services.

This is an out of borough placement in North East area for 1 child which will best meet their needs.

Financial detail:

The budget for Residential Provision (LAC) approved through core funding, budget code for 10020.

Estimated contract value for 1st December 2023 until 31st March 2024 is £104,571.43

The estimated contract value is based on current placements. There will be no additional cost to the Council if no other placements are made and the value may decrease if the placement(s) end earlier than anticipated. There are no automatic pricing uplifts in the RCBC Residential children's homes off framework agreements. However additional placement may be made if the need arises.

Delivering Social Value:

The provider will be encouraged to sign up to Redcar and Cleveland's Social Value Charter.

Reasons for Decision:

For the Council to meet its outcomes for Children and Young People and to meet Redcar and Cleveland Council accommodation sufficiency for children in our care to comply with section 20 and section 31 of the Children Act 1989.

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<p>Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:</p> <p>We have explored the market in the North East and this provider has the skills, experience and capacity to support our children and young people.</p>	
<p>Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:</p>	
<p>Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:</p> <p>This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.</p>	
<p>Background Papers:</p> <p>Although this specific decision is not a key decision, a Forward Plan entry has been made to directly award contracts to Children’s Residential Homes - CDD0036 published 07/08/2023.</p>	
Officer Name (Print)	E.L. Bainbridge
Officer Signature	
Submission date	16 th January 2024
Procurement Approval	Request complies with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules

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Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
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Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

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CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date 31/01/2024
CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 04/03/2024

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Reference	CF-24-011
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Online policy and procedure manual for the Children & Families Directorate
Delegated Power Number	DP 455 – Exemption to the contract procedure rules: v. there are other circumstances which are genuinely exceptional.
Date of Exercise	04/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

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Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	N/A
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

Tri.X (part of Signis Ltd) offers an Online Children's Services Procedures Manual and employ experienced social care professionals to develop content in line with any new or amended legislation, statutory guidance, and best practice.

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council initially commissioned Tri.X in April 2018 to provide us with a bespoke Redcar & Cleveland Procedures Manual. The Manual is a web based searchable database that social workers can access from any device to access policy and procedural information. We work closely with Tri.x to make sure all content is reflective of how we work in Redcar & Cleveland.

This delegated report seeks approval to award a new contract to Tri.X continuing the current arrangement for a further five years from November 2023 to ensure continuous contracted service provision.

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Decision Considerations:

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules

The legislative framework setting out the responsibilities of local authority Children's Services is vast and comprehensive. It includes the statutory processes for assessing children to determine if they meet the threshold for involvement with a social worker as either a Child in Need or due to Child Protection concerns and the arrangements for Children in Our Care and Care Leavers in respect of Care Planning, Foster Care and Adoption. As a local authority we must therefore have a large number of policies and procedures in place to be statutorily compliant. The Tri.X Children's Services Online Procedure Manual meets this requirement.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to award a contract to Tri.X part of Signis Ltd to maintain Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's Children's Services Online Procedure Manual for a five-year term from 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2028.

Financial detail:

The total cost of the contract is £47,900.00 excluding VAT. This will be paid from the Children's Services Revenue Budget 10350; the annual fee is already included in the budget.

A breakdown showing the annual costs is below.

Period	Cost exc. VAT
Year 1 01/11/23- 31/10/24	£9,200.00
Year 2 01/11/24- 31/10/25	£9,400.00
Year 3 01/11/25- 31/10/26	£9,600.00
Year 4 01/11/26- 31/10/27	£9,800.00
Year 5 01/11/27- 31/10/28	£9,900.00
Total	£47,900.00

Delivering Social Value:

The provider will be asked to sign up to the Council's Social Value Charter as part of any individual award.

Reasons for Decision:

Social workers and other children's services staff will be able to access policies and procedures from any device when working with children and families out of the office.

Tri.x provides a service to 80% of children's services authorities, continuing to utilise their policy and procedure templates ensures our documentation is consistent with most other local authorities – this will therefore reduce our risk of legal challenge.

Tri.X offers good value for money, ensuring our policies and procedures are updated as legislation changes. Where we do this inhouse it would require a dedicated Policy Officer, create additional work for service managers and require and development work from IT to enable easy access to documents.

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The product is a web-based application it does not require any input or staffing capacity from the RCBC IT Service. The procedure manual is hosted by Tri.X and they will carry out all content updates.

Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

Explain why you do not support the other options eg, 1 – doing nothing, 2 providing in house services, 3 going to tender.

1 – Do nothing – Ceasing the arrangement with Tri.X would leave the Council without hundreds of policy documents which would need to be recreated by RCBC. We do not have the staffing capacity to undertake this work. Renewing the agreement on an annual basis may leave us vulnerable to any substantial fee increases.

2 – Providing in house services – It is not feasible or financially viable to bring the policy function in house. This would require a substantial amount of work to create document versions of all the policies we require to be legally compliant and going forward we would require a full time Policy Officer to work with managers, research legislation and policy documentation up to date.

3 – Go to tender – We are not aware of other companies offering a web based searchable policy database. Furthermore, as the market leaders Tri.X documentation is consistent with other local authorities reducing the risk of legal challenge. Similarly, as our procedure manual is already established, we only need to pay a maintenance fee, changing to another provider would likely require some upfront development costs.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

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Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:

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Background Papers:

N/A

Officer Name (Print)	Sarah Johnson, Service Improvement Research Officer	
Officer Signature		
Submission date	16 th January 2024	
Procurement Approval		Request complies with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules

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Reference	CF-24-001
Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	N/A
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Online policy and procedure manual for the Children & Families Directorate
Delegated Power Number	DP 455 – Exemption to the contract procedure rules: v. there are other circumstances which are genuinely exceptional.
Date of Exercise	04/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN _____	Date 24/02/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER _____	Date 04/02/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER _____	Date 31/01/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES _____	Date 04/03/2024

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Public

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Choose an item.

Reference	CF-24-012
Corporate Plan Priority	Investing for the long-term
Delegation Title	Social Work Apprentice Mentors
Delegated Power Number	DP 455 – Exercise power of exemption to Standing Orders in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract Procedure Rules: V. there are other circumstances which are genuinely exceptional.
Date of Exercise	29/2/24
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Executive (Non-Key)
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	N/A
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to Decision:

Social Work Apprentice Mentors provide essential support and training for the Adult, Children and Families workforce within the Council. The Council must ensure that effective, high-quality training is delivered by professionals who consistently deliver high quality standards ensuring that all relevant learning outcomes are met. This will ensure that staff working with adults, children and families in the Redcar and Cleveland area are competent and confident in carrying out their responsibilities.

The Council has an on-going requirement for social work apprentice mentors; therefore a formal arrangement is required to ensure this training continues to be provided as and when required.

Decision Considerations:

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

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The Council has an ongoing requirement for this training provision to enable the development of the social care workforce to ensure that we meet the requirements of Ofsted, Care Quality Commission, Peer reviews and other audits which the Directorate undertake on a regular basis.

The Supplier Questionnaire has been issued and the appropriate checks completed.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to award a contract for the provision of mentoring for our social work apprentices to:

C. Shepherd, Independent social work & practice education
Asplin North East LTD trading as SidgwickReed Associates

The contract will be for two years from 1 March 2024 to 31 July 2026. Each mentor has their own allocation of apprentices, with the contract period covering the cohort of apprentices currently being mentored.

Financial detail:

Estimated contract value for each provider for the period 1 March 2024 to 31 July 2026 is up to £14,000.

The hourly rate for this contract will be £45.00 per hour.

In the contract, there will be no guaranteed level of business with the providers; it will depend on the services the Council needs at the present time and in the future.

The contract will be funded from the workforce development budget which funds both adults and children's services training opportunities

Delivering Social Value:


The providers have signed up to the Council's Social Value Charter.

Reasons for Decision:

The workforce development team ensures the whole social care workforce across both Adult Services and Children & Families Services Directorates have access to quality training opportunities which ensures they have the right skills and knowledge to carry out their roles.

The mentoring will be delivered by the same mentor, ensuring continuity in the quality of mentoring delivered. The mentor will receive the same hourly rate for the duration of the contract (£45.00 per hour) therefore not incurring any additional cost.




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<p>Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:</p> <p>Do Nothing – Rejected as there is an on-going requirement for this experienced professional provider.</p> <p>Provision of the service in-house – Rejected as the Council do not have the capacity in place to deliver this in-house.</p> <p>Undertake a procurement process – Rejected as the contract offers value for money and a quality service as and when required. Further requirements will be considered as part of any decisions made on a future Training Provider Framework.</p>	
<p>Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:</p> <p>This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.</p>	
<p>Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:</p> <p>This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.</p>	
<p>Background Papers:</p> <p>State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)</p>	
Officer Name (Print)	Gillian Davison
Officer Signature	
Submission date	05.02.24
Procurement Approval	Request complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules

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Reference	CF-24-012
Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	
Corporate Plan Priority	Investing for the long-term
Delegation Title	Social Work Apprentice Mentors
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Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN 	Date 29/02/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 28/02/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER 	Date 20/02/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES 	Date 28/02/2024

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Date Decision will become effective	
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Reference	CF-24-013
Corporate Plan Priority	Investing for the long-term
Delegation Title	Replacement Fire Doors & Associated Works
Delegated Power Number	455 - Exercise power of exemption to Standing Orders in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract Procedure Rules (II) the Contract is for goods, services or works that are required in circumstances of extreme urgency that could not reasonably have been foreseen;
Date of Exercise	29/02/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive) See Scheme of Delegation to Officers – Council Constitution	Executive (Non-Key)
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	If a key decision has not been published in the forward plan at least 28 days in advance of the decision being taken, then the urgency or special urgency rules must be applied, and relevant forms completed in conjunction with Democratic Services
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	Click or tap to enter a date. To be completed by Democratic Services
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

Church View was renovated during 2019/2020 from its former use to be suitable for a local authority children's home. Significant works were undertaken and the home opened in 2021 as a base for the No Wrong Door team and in support of children who required edge of care support. In 2023 we received our Ofsted registration to open as children's residential home. In

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2023 and in accordance with the revised fire regulations following the Grenfell disaster, we had our annual fire check which highlighted action needed to ensure the internal doors were fully compliant with the revised fire regulations. As a result, it has been decided to replace the doors, all fittings and the architrave.

Decision Considerations:

Compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

We must ensure that the home complies with the revised fire regulations in order to continue to deliver against the children's home regulations which are set in legislation. Children cannot be admitted until the improvements are made.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to award a contract to Warsett Ltd to carry out the works and will take approximately 12 weeks to complete inclusive of 6 week lead time on materials.

The contract period will be arranged as soon as the order has been placed. Property Services are to manage all works onsite.

Financial detail:

The estimate is inclusive of all building works to replace the doors and architrave and will be financed through the C20295 budget code.

The contract value is £26,613.20

Delivering Social Value:

Warsett Ltd have signed the Redcar and Cleveland's Social Value Charter. The company is in the Tees Valley and employs local labour and engages with local supply chains.

The replacement doors will provide future use for the building and will assist in reducing Care costs overall as we will be able to accept referrals for children and young people who require care.

Reasons for Decision:

Approval is requested to directly award the contract as there is insufficient time to undertake a procurement process. Warsett are a local contractor experienced in providing similar work as required.

Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

- Do nothing, in which case the home must cease to operate as referrals can't be accepted.
- Undertake a competitive procurement process – there is insufficient time to undertake a process due to the urgency of the requirement.

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Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:	
Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:	
Background Papers: Background papers are held within Property Services electronically	
Officer Name (Print)	Nikky Henry
Officer Signature	
Submission date	13/02/2024
Procurement Approval	Request complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules

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Delegated Power Number	DP 455 - Exercise power of exemption to Standing Orders in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract Procedure Rules (II) the Contract is for goods, services or works that are required in circumstances of extreme urgency that could not reasonably have been foreseen;
Date of Exercise	29/02/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN	Date 29/02/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 28/02/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date 27/02/2024
CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 28/02/2024

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Reasons for dis-applying Call-In due to urgency to be added here if relevant. This will need to be reported to the next meeting of the Borough Council and the reasons must demonstrate that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

Date Decision will become effective	Click or tap to enter a date. To be completed by Democratic Services – date will be not less than expiry of 5 working days from publication unless urgency applies.
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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

Reference	CF-24-015
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Attendance Research Consultant
Delegated Power Number	455 - Exercise power of exemption to Standing Orders in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract Procedure Rules V. there are other circumstances which are genuinely exceptional.
Date of Exercise	29/02/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Clare Mahoney

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Executive (Non-Key)
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	NA
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council's (RCBC) long-term goal is to improve attendance in Redcar and Cleveland schools and colleges, and particularly for those children living in our most disadvantaged wards, with the wider longer-term benefits for their health, wellbeing, and economic prospects.

To achieve this, RCBC and our partners need to gain a better understanding of the local reasons for children and young people being absent from education. By understanding the locally specific causal influences and potential consequences, we feel we can address these collaboratively. In 2022 RCBC was awarded funding through Anglo American to engage a consultant (Skyblue Research) to support RCBC and partners to develop a Theory of Change in relation to improving attendance and 'making attendance everyone's business.' This work is now complete, and we

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have now received a further £60K from Anglo American to continue this work and move forward the Theory of Change and pilot activity that will move us towards long-term system change, where it would be highly unusual for a child or young person to miss 10% of their education through none-attendance in school / college.

SkyBlue Research Consultancy was pivotal in supporting RCBC and partners to develop the Theory of Change and is therefore most appropriately qualified to support RCBC and partners to continue this work.

Decision Considerations:

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

The research finding will have a positive impact on children, young people and families in Redcar and Cleveland, by helping to improve their attendance in school and their longer-term prospects in work and life.

Full Details of Decision

Approval is requested to award a contract to Skyblue Research Consultancy to provide consultancy services to progress the Theory of Change pilot activity. The contract will be from January 2024 to December 2025

Financial detail:

January 2024 - December 2024

44 consultancy days x £650 + £1400 expenses = £30,000

January 2025 – December 2025

44 consultancy days x £650 + £1400 expenses £30,000

Total £60,000

Delivering Social Value:

The supplier has signed the Council's Social Value Charter.

RCBC and our partners are deeply concerned about the impact of children being absent from school and those missing education. For individual children, the negative implications can include slower progress in learning, worse prospects for future employment, poorer mental health and emotional wellbeing, restricted social and emotional development, and increased vulnerability to safeguarding issues and criminal exploitation. In Redcar and Cleveland, we are seeing increasing incidents of children going missing from home and being criminally exploited. Children's absence from education also places an enormous strain on families, both emotionally and financially and the lifetime costs to the state of a NEET young person have been shown to be significant (approx. £54,000).

In developing a theory of change and creating a cultural shift in the Borough, we aim to significantly reduce the numbers of children and young people absent from school / college and

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those missing education, with the longer-term impact of improved health, wellbeing, social benefits, and life chances.

The activity is also meeting Anglo American's SED Plan linking to Livelihoods and Creating opportunities and connecting people to them.

Reasons for Decision:

RCBC and partners have created the first Theory of Change linked to attendance, Skyblue Research Consultancy is best placed to support RCBC and partners to continue with this extremely valuable piece of work that could be groundbreaking for the area and have a positive impact on the lives of many children, young people and their families, and wider stakeholders.

The consultant is also currently working on the Woodsmith Education Programme and has undertaken detailed research to shape the pilot programme that is focussed on improving the circumstances for disadvantage young people in Redcar and Cleveland. This research will build on existing research, providing a body of data that has already been collected. Due to the nature of the market for the works to be carried out, through investigation we believe Skyblue to be the appropriate consultant to continue this very specific research.

Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

The Consultant has supported guided and led us to develop the Theory of Change through an extensive process. Engagement of an alternative Consultant would not be viable as it would delay the process and continuation of our work by 6 months to develop the knowledge base of another individual.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

NA

Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:

This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.

Background Papers:

Attached contract and Anglo-American Proposal.

Officer Name (Print)	Amanda Olvanhill
Officer Signature	
Submission date	22.02.2024

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Reference	CF-24-015
Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	NA
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Attendance Research Consultant
Delegated Power Number	455 - Exercise power of exemption to Standing Orders in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract Procedure Rules V. there are other circumstances which are genuinely exceptional.
Date of Exercise	29/02/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Claire Mahoney

Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN	Date 29/02/2024
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 28/02/2024

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

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Reference	CF-24-016
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Short Breaks Provision - Icare Living
Delegated Power Number	DP 455 - Exercise power of exemption to Standing Orders in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract Procedure Rules V. there are other circumstances which are genuinely exceptional.
Date of Exercise	04/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Executive (Non-Key)
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	N/A
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to Decision:

The Council has a statutory duty to provide Short Breaks for disabled children and young people under the Short Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011.

The Local Authority has a new Short Breaks Framework commencing on 1st April 2024, which is an open framework so new providers can apply to join throughout the 4 year period.

Icare Living were not in a position to tender at the time the Framework was advertised, however, they are intending to join the Framework at the first opportunity. As Icare Living currently support 4 children with complex healthcare needs, a contract is required to maintain service provision in the interim.

Decision Considerations:

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The Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Icare Living are currently supporting 4 children with complex healthcare needs. Their staff have been specifically trained to meet the individualised needs of these children. It would not be in the best interest of the children to move the support to a contracted provider and it is highly unlikely there would be an on framework provider that could deliver the care required without having to recruit and train new staff.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to award a contract to Icare Living for the provision of short breaks for the period 1st April 2024 – 31st August 2024.

Financial detail:

The Children are eligible for Children's Continuing Care Funding (Health Funding). The Local Authority takes on the contract and payment responsibility for joint funded packages and recharges health every 4 weeks for their element of the package costs.

Child 1

Annual package cost £165,386 Annual LA cost £16,159 Annual Health cost £149,227	Award cost £68,910 Award LA cost £6,732 Award Health cost £62,178
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Child 2

Annual package cost £66,066 Annual LA cost £19,305 Annual Health cost £46,761	Award cost £27,528 Award LA cost £8,044 Award Health cost £19,484
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Child 3

Annual package cost £160,116 Annual LA cost £39,446 Annual Health cost £120,670	Award cost £66,715 Award LA cost £16,436 Award Health cost £50,279
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Child 4

Annual package cost £150,205 Annual LA cost £60,082 Annual Health cost £90,123	Award cost £62,585 Award LA cost £25,034 Award Health cost £37,551
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Overall

Annual package cost £541,773 Annual LA cost £134,992 Annual Health cost £406,781	Award cost £225,739 Award LA cost £56,247 Award Health cost £194,492
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Additional packages may be commissioned from Icare Living if the need arises. We will only incur costs when the service is commissioned to deliver a package and support is provided – payment on delivery.

Delivering Social Value:

The service will deliver social value through the engagement of support workers to deliver packages of care to local vulnerable children which will improve quality of life for children and their families.

Icare Living will be encouraged to sign up to Redcar and Cleveland Social Value Charter.

Reasons for Decision:

To ensure continuity of care for the children currently being supported by Icare Living.

Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

- 1 – doing nothing is not an option due to the continued service requirement.
- 2 – transfer the care packages to an on framework provider. This is not in the best interests of the children being supported and it is highly unlikely the on framework providers could deliver the support without having to recruit and train new staff.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

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Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:

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Background Papers:

State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)

Officer Name (Print)

Becky Dale

Officer Signature

Submission date

09/02/24

Procurement Approval

Request complies with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules

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Reference	CF-24-016
Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Short Breaks Provision - Icare Living
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Date of Exercise	04/03/2024
Cabinet Member	CLlr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN	Date 29/02/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 28/02/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date 27/02/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 04/03/2024

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

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Choose an item.

Reference	CF-24-017
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	NEXUS platform – purchase of Pendulum module
Delegated Power Number	DP 455 - Exercise power of exemption to Standing Orders in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract Procedure Rules Delegated Power 455: I. the nature of the market for the works to be carried out or the goods or services to be provided has been investigated and is demonstrated to be such that a departure from the requirements of these Rules is justifiable
Date of Exercise	04/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Clare Mahoney

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Executive (Non-Key)
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	N/A
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

The Council is a member of NCER (National Consortium for Examination Results) and as a member we access the NEXUS portal - an online platform for local authorities to analyse and report on all primary and secondary assessment and examination data, from EYFSP right through to Key Stage 5, supporting our quality assurance role with schools. Angel Solutions Ltd are NCER's software partner providing the NEXUS platform, and the Council pays an annual licence fee to Angel Solutions for use of the platform.

The Pendulum module is an additional module to the NEXUS system which allows LA's to record and track school visits. It allows Local Authority officers across multiple teams to

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electronically set up and manage visits (or any interaction) to schools and also the completion of the visit reports – the final report is made available to schools in Perspective Lite (a further module on NEXUS) which is already available to schools.

Decision Considerations:

Compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Nearly all Local Authorities use the Pendulum module to support their understanding and engagement with schools and settings of all types. The module will enable our officers and schools to benefit from a system that is already in place within the LA via established (and new where needed) LA User Accounts. Schools information / data will be stored within the module rather than deploying a separate web-based system. The NEXUS system meets GDPR requirements.

All members of Education SMT agree that this will be a significant improvement to the way our teams work.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to award a contract to Angel Solutions Ltd for the Pendulum module of the NEXUS portal. The contract will be for 13 months from January 2024.

Financial detail:

Total Contract Value– exc. VAT £12,500

It is agreed that funding will be from the Virtual School budget (10580)

Delivering Social Value:

A more tied up approach to our work with schools will improve relationships within our communities and will enable us to offer more effective support to schools, with LA officers sharing knowledge and expertise about their discipline/area of work. The Council's Social value Charter will be shared with the supplier.

Reasons for Decision:

To maximise the use of the Pendulum online platform as a document storage and sharing platform with schools and settings, to create a consistent, collaborative and sustainable way of producing and sharing documentation (including visit notes, reports and audits).

The Pendulum module of the NEXUS/NCER suite is currently being used by many LAs to improve oversight and understanding of schools and settings, be they independent, maintained or part of academy trusts. The module will enable education and wider teams to build a more robust intelligence base about schools so that considered and timely decisions can be taken re: challenge and support. It will ensure better joined up working between teams, greater transparency for all interactions with schools, and will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of school facing LA teams. It will reduce risks presented by reductions in staffing, absence and workload by ensuring access to the most up-to-date documentation and reports across education services by creating a consistent, collaborative and sustainable way of producing and sharing documentation (including visit notes, reports and audits).

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Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

Only the NEXUS platform interacts with NCER and national education data to provide the level of information required for LAs

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

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Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:

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Background Papers:

State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)

Officer Name (Print)

Jane Ratcliffe

Officer Signature

Submission date

10.1.24

Procurement Approval

Request complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules

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Date of Exercise	Click here to enter a date.
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Claire Mahoney

Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN	Date 29/02/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 28/02/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date 27/02/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 04/03/2024

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

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Reference	CF-24-020
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Accommodation Support – Velox – VE003 – (Continuation of service)
Delegated Power Number	Delegated Power 455: Exemption The award is for emergency social care, special educational needs, or residential care that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency in order to meet the Council’s statutory requirements.
Date of Exercise	07/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Executive (Non-Key)
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Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	N/A
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

We have a young person with complex care and support needs where despite referrals/searches on our Fostering and Residential Frameworks and all providers registered with Ofsted we have not found a suitable placement to meet their needs.

We are seeking approval to enter a further short-term contract with an ‘off-framework’ provider for emergency social care provision that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency due to timescales in order to meet the young persons’ needs, safeguard the young person and meet the Council’s statutory requirements.

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The Provider identified will deliver 2:1 support in line with the agreed Care Plan.

We will continue to search for a suitable placement that meets the young person's needs.

Decision Considerations:

The exemption is required to maintain services for a young person, to meet our statutory duties and allow for services to achieve better outcomes for our young person within our borough.

The Supplier Questionnaire has been issued to the supplier to ensure appropriate checks have been made.

The Service is essential spend to meet our duty of care.

Full details of decision:

To enter into a contract with Velox Healthcare Ltd, Head Office: Hornbeam House, 81 Bridge Road, East Molesey, Surrey. KT8 9HH for the delivery of Homecare (Domiciliary care) services. This is an in-area package of support for one child.

Contract start date is anticipated to be 5th February 2024 until 31st March 2024.

Financial detail:

The contract value for 2:1 Support staff for waking nights 4 nights per week will be £3,360pw. The full estimated contract value is £26,880.00.

Budget Code: 11363

Payment terms for the provider are 10 days. The service may be reduced should an appropriate placement be secured, or the staffing level reduces however on occasion additional support may be required which will increase the contract value.

Delivering Social Value:

The provider will be asked to sign up to the Council's Social Value Charter.

Reasons for Decision:

To meet the Council's statutory requirements, and to meet the needs of the vulnerable young person who is in need of support.

Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

The service requirement has been advertised through our frameworks without success before advertising wider which has led to the offer that can meet our needs.

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<p>Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:</p> <p>This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.</p>	
<p>Background Papers:</p> <p>State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)</p>	
<p>Officer Name (Print)</p>	<p>Emma Bainbridge</p>
<p>Officer Signature</p>	
<p>Submission date</p>	<p>26 February 2024</p>
<p>Procurement Approval</p>	<p>Request complies with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules</p>

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Reference	CF-24-020
Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	NA
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Accommodation Support – Velox – VE003 (Continuation of service)
Delegated Power Number	Delegated Power 455: Exemption The award is for emergency social care, special educational needs, or residential care that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency in order to meet the Council's statutory requirements.
Date of Exercise	07/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN	Date 07/03/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 06/03/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date 04/03/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 06/03/2024

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

Reference	CF-24-022
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Accommodation Support - PC003 - Continuation of Support
Delegated Power Number	Delegated Power 455: Exemption The award is for emergency social care, special educational needs, or residential care that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency in order to meet the Council's statutory requirements.
Date of Exercise	07/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

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Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

We have a young person with complex care and support needs where despite referrals/searches on our Fostering and Residential Frameworks and all providers registered with Ofsted, we have not found a suitable placement to meet their needs.

We are seeking approval to enter a further short-term contract with an 'off-framework' provider for emergency social care provision that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency due to

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timescales in order to meet the young persons' needs, safeguard the young person and meet the Council's statutory requirements.

The CQC regulated provider for children 0-18 service identified will deliver 2:1 support 24/7 will include a Team Leader who oversees staff, carries out staff supervision, ensures the support is being delivered effectively etc in line with the Care Plan.

We will continue to search for a suitable placement that meets the young person's needs.

Decision Considerations:

The exemption is required to maintain services for a young person, to meet our statutory duties and allow for services to achieve better outcomes for our young person within our borough.

The Supplier Questionnaire has been completed by the supplier and appropriate checks have been made.

The Service is essential spend to meet our duty of care.

Full details of decision:

To enter into a further contract with Protective Care Group, Head Office: Elkstone Studios, Damsun Barn, Gloucestershire, GL53 9 PQ, For the delivery of Homecare (Domiciliary care) services. This is an out of area package of support within Tees Valley for 1 child.

Contract start date is 26th February 2024 until 31st March 2024

Financial detail:

The contract value for 2:1 Support staff 24/7 will be £14,280.00 per week plus additional travel/subsistence for the child up to £190pw (re-charged on cost)

The full contract value estimated at £71,400.00 plus additional travel/subsistence up to £950 (re-charged on cost)

Budget Code: 11363

Payment terms for the provider are 14 days.

The service may be reduced should an appropriate placement be secured, or the staffing level reduces however financial costs may increase if additional support is required.

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Delivering Social Value: The provider will be asked to sign up to the Council's Social Value Charter.	
Reasons for Decision: To meet the Council's statutory requirements, and to meet the needs of the vulnerable young person who is in need of support.	
Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection: The service requirement has been advertised through our frameworks without success before advertising wider which has led to the offer that can meet our needs until a placement can be found.	
Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision: This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.	
Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest: This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.	
Background Papers: State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)	
Officer Name (Print)	Emma Bainbridge
Officer Signature	
Submission date	23 February 2024
Procurement Approval	

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Reference	CF-24-022
Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	NA
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Accommodation Support – PC003 - Continuation of Support
Delegated Power Number	Delegated Power 455: Exemption The award is for emergency social care, special educational needs, or residential care that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency in order to meet the Council's statutory requirements.
Date of Exercise	07/03/2024
Cabinet Member	CLlr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN	Date 07/03/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 06/03/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date 05/03/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 06/03/2024

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Reference	CF-24-023
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Accommodation Support – PC005 - Continuation of Support
Delegated Power Number	Delegated Power 455: Exemption The award is for emergency social care, special educational needs, or residential care that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency in order to meet the Council’s statutory requirements.
Date of Exercise	07/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

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Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	Click or tap to enter a date. To be completed by Democratic Services
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

We have a young person with complex care and support needs where despite referrals/searches on our Fostering and Residential Frameworks and all providers registered with Ofsted we have not found a suitable placement to meet their needs.

We are seeking approval to enter a further short-term contract with an ‘off-framework’ provider for emergency social care provision that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency due to timescales in order to meet the young persons’ needs, safeguard the young person and meet the Council’s statutory requirements.

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The CQC regulated provider for children 0-18 service identified will deliver 3:1 support 24/7 will include a Team Leader who oversees staff, carries out staff supervision, ensures the support is being delivered effectively etc in line with the Care Plan.

We will continue to search for a suitable placement that meets the young person's needs.

Decision Considerations:

The exemption is required to maintain services for a young person, to meet our statutory duties and allow for services to achieve better outcomes for our young person within our borough.

The Supplier Questionnaire has been completed by the supplier and appropriate checks have been made.

The Service is essential spend to meet our duty of care.

Full details of decision:

To enter into a contract with Protective Care Group, Head Office: Elkstone Studios, Damsun Barn, Gloucestershire, GL53 9 PQ, For the delivery of Homecare (Domiciliary care) services. This is an area package of support for 1 child.

Contract start date is 20th February 2024 until 31st March 2024

Financial detail:

The contract value for 3:1 Support staff 24/7 will be £19,488.00 per week plus additional travel/subsistence for the child up to £190pw (re-charged on cost)

The full contract value estimated at £116,928.00 plus additional travel/subsistence up to £1,140 (re-charged on cost)

Budget Code: 11363

Payment terms for the provider are 14 days.

The service may be reduced should an appropriate placement be secured, or the staffing level reduces however financial costs may increase if additional support is required.

Delivering Social Value:

The provider will be asked to sign up to the Council's Social Value Charter.





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Reasons for Decision: To meet the Council's statutory requirements, and to meet the needs of the vulnerable young person who is in need of support.	
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Background Papers: State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)	
Officer Name (Print)	Emma Bainbridge
Officer Signature	
Submission date	23 February 2024
Procurement Approval	Request complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules

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Reference	CF-24-023
Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	NA
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Accommodation Support – PC005 - Continuation of Support
Delegated Power Number	Delegated Power 455: Exemption The award is for emergency social care, special educational needs, or residential care that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency in order to meet the Council's statutory requirements.
Date of Exercise	07/03/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
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CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN 	Date 07/03/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER 	Date 06/03/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER 	Date 05/03/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES 	Date 06/03/2024

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

Reference	CF-24-024
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Accommodation Support – UCS – UC001
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Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Executive (Non-Key)
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

Background to decision:

We have a young person with complex care and support needs where despite referrals/searches on our Fostering and Residential Frameworks and all providers registered with Ofsted, we have not found a suitable placement to meet their needs.

We are now seeking approval to enter a short-term contract with an 'off-framework' provider for an emergency social care provision, that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency due to timescales in order to meet the young persons' needs and safeguard a child in our care, and meet the Council's statutory requirements. The Provider identified will deliver 2:1 support in line with the agreed Care Plan.

We will continue to search for a suitable placement.

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Decision Considerations:

The exemption is required to meet our statutory duties and allow for services to achieve better outcomes for our young person within our borough.

The Supplier Questionnaire has been completed by the supplier and appropriate checks have been made.

The Service is essential spend to meet our duty of care.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to enter into a contract with Unified Care Services, Head Office: Westwood House, 78 Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8DX for accommodation support services. This is an out of area package of support within the Tees Valley for 1 child.

Contract start date is 31st January 2024 until 31st March 2024

Financial detail:

The contract value for 2:1 Support staff 24/7 will be £12,320.00 per week plus additional travel/subsistence for the child up to £205pw (re-charged on cost)

The full contract value estimated at £110,880.00 plus additional travel/subsistence up to £1845 (re-charged on cost)

Budget Code: 11363

Payment terms for the provider are 14 days.

The service costs may be reduced should an appropriate placement be secured, or the staffing level reduces however financial costs may increase if additional support is required.

Delivering Social Value:

The provider will be asked to sign up to the Council's Social Value Charter.

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