

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Flexible Framework for Adoption Support – Therapeutic and Specialist Assessment Services

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Julie Firth, Director Children's Services

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None.

4. Executive summary (taken from written report)

On 28/03/2022 Cabinet received a report entitled Procurement Plan 2022/23 and agreed to the procurement exercises specified in that report proceeding through the 2022/23 financial year and to the awarding of contracts in accordance with UK public procurement legislation to the most advantageous tenders.

To facilitate this process delegated authority was given to the relevant Director in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, Director of Resources and Director of Law and Governance (as it then was) to commence the specified procurements and to thereafter award contracts to the bidders who submitted the most advantageous tenders.

The Director of Children's Services has made a delegated decision to:

Agree to the Authority entering a contract with the multiple suppliers detailed below in relation to the procurement of Adoption Support Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Director of Resources.

Link to the 28 March 2022 Procurement Plan Cabinet Report:

<https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/documents/s8227/Procurement%20Plan%202022-2023.pdf>

Link to Appendix 1 (this procurement exercise is referred to in Appendix 1 - ("Adoption Support")):

<https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/documents/s8386/Procurement%20Plan%202022-2023-Appendix-1.pdf>

5. Alternative Options considered

Option 2

Not award to the successful tenderers.

6. Decision(s)

Option 1

To agree the Authority entering into a contract with 34 successful tenderers as per the evaluation matrix embedded in the full report.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

It is recommended that the contract be entered into following a full procurement exercise which has identified 34 suitable suppliers for the provision of adoption support services.

8. Date Decision Made

03/02/2023

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on 16 February 2023

10. Date of Publication

9 February 2023

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on 16 February 2023

Note: *The report in relation to the above decision is 'Not for publication under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972'