

## **CHILDREN**

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services, Looked after Children, Schools and Early Years:-

**MONDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019**

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

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| Councillor Cunliffe  | - Executive Cabinet Member – Children |
| Councillor C. Wild   | - Major Opposition Spokesperson       |
| Councillor Flitcroft | - Minor Opposition Spokesman          |

### **Officers**

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| Mr A. Crook     | - Assistant Director - Commissioning                       |
| Mr P. Rankin    | - Assistant Director - Performance, Planning and Resources |
| Ms S. Alexander | - Assistant Director - Staying Safe                        |
| Mr T. Birch     | - Assistant Director - Education and Learning              |
| Ms L. Butcher   | - Head of Finance  |
| Mrs S. Bailey   | - Principal Democratic Services Officer                    |

## **59. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.**

**60. BOLTON FAMILY – RESTORATIVE TRAINING PACKAGE**

A report of the Interim Director of People was submitted which outlined proposals for the delivery of restorative training practice across Children's Services as part of the Greater Manchester Scale and Spread Programme where Bolton would be implementing the Bolton Family Programme and sought approval for arrangements to award the contract in this regard.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the Department of Education had awarded £5.72m to Greater Manchester to scale and spread tried and tested innovation across the ten authorities. The grant was focused on innovations that improved outcomes for vulnerable adolescents on the edge of care and to better support families with complex lives.

Bolton had received £500,000 for the programme and there was a need to proceed quickly with the arrangements. It was recommended that L30 Relational Systems should be used to deliver the Programme as they had been evaluated in a pre-tender exercise by the Stockport, Trafford, Tameside and Rochdale Procurement Team and were found to be high quality and cost effective.

The report therefore sought a waiver of standing orders in order to award the Contract to L30 Relational Systems to enable the training to commence as soon as possible.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

- (i) The waiver of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts – Section 5;**
- (ii) That the award of the contract for a two - year period be delegated to the Director, Deputy or Assistant Director of People, on the basis now detailed; and**
- (iii) The authorisation of the Borough Solicitor to carry out any necessary legal formalities in this regard.**

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.**

### **61. START WELL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Further to Minute 52 of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, a report of the Interim Director of People was submitted which sought approval to amend the grade of the new post of Facilities Development Manager from Grade 7 to 8 following the job evaluation process.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

**The amendment of the grade of the Facilities Development Manager post following evaluation from Grade 7 to 8.**

### **62. PILOT ACCOMMODATION PROJECT FOR CARE LEAVERS AND UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN**

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which outlined proposals for a one-year pilot accommodation project to provide services for Care Leavers and Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children and sought approval to waive Standing Orders to award the contract to allow the project to proceed.

The report advised that the current contract was due to expire at the end of May, 2019 which had provided an opportunity to review the existing arrangements.

Initial discussions had been undertaken with the provider who were willing to offer a 12-month pilot project aimed at redesigning the service. This project would facilitate the

codesign and development of a new service which would help to meet the Local Authority's increasing demand for accommodation and supported living.

The report outlined the budget implications of the proposals, funding arrangements, savings and expected outcomes.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

- (i) A waiver to Standing Orders to allow a pilot project to pro-actively manage Looked after Children and Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children;**
- (ii) The delegation of award of the Contract to the Director, Deputy Director or Assistant Director of People, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted; and**
- (iii) The Borough Solicitor being authorised to carry out any necessary legal formalities in this regard.**

**63. CARE LEAVERS ROUGH SLEEPING PILOT**

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which sought approval for the establishment of a Care Leavers Rough Sleeping Pilot Project.

The report advised that the DfE had provided additional funding to a number of local authorities, including Bolton, to enable them to provide additional support to care leavers who were judged to be at the highest risk of homelessness and rough sleeping.

In this regard, the report outlined proposals for a Pilot Project which would aim to reduce the risk of homelessness and rough sleeping and support care leavers to develop skills to successfully live independently and improve outcomes for Care Leavers in terms of engagement in education, employment and training.

The project would be commissioned in partnership with Bolton at Home who would be able to further enhance the offer due to the wide range of services already in place.

The report sought approval to waive the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts in order to allow the Project to commence.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

- (i) The setting up of a Care Leavers Rough Sleeping Pilot Project, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted;**
- (ii) The waiver of Standing Orders to allow the commencement of the Pilot Project, as now detailed; and**
- (iii) The authorisation of the Borough Solicitor to carry out any necessary legal formalities in this regard.**