

EXTRACT

CHILDREN AND ADULTS

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services and Adult Services:-

TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL, 2019

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

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| Councillor Cunliffe | - Executive Cabinet Member – Children |
| Councillor Morgan | - Major Opposition Spokesperson (Adults) |
| Councillor Pattison | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson (Adults) |

Officers

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| Ms R. Tanner | - Deputy Director of People |
| Mr P. Rankin | - Assistant Director - Performance, Planning and Resources |
| Mr A. Crook | - Assistant Director - Commissioning |
| Ms L. Butcher | - Head of Finance |
| Mrs S. Bailey | - Principal Democratic Services Officer |

1. SOCIAL WORK APPRENTICESHIPS

A report of the Interim Director of People was submitted which outlined proposals for a Social Work Apprenticeship Programme for Bolton and sought approval to undertake a procurement exercise on behalf of the Local Authority Partnership.

The report advised that the Social Work Apprenticeship Scheme would be a two to three-year programme which would offer an opportunity to enable the use of alternative ways to attract people into Social Work careers. Funding would be available from the apprenticeship levy and could be used to support existing staff or new starters.

Full details of the proposed programme, the vision and how it would operate were provided in the report together with information on the associated finance and partnership arrangements.

It was noted that Bolton was the lead Local Authority on behalf of the principal social work network and various authorities, namely Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside, to procure the elements of training.

It was proposed to hold a mini competition to be completed through the Greater Manchester Public Sector Apprenticeship Provision framework for the purchase of the tutorial elements of the apprentice training. Each authority would be responsible for the selection of their apprenticeships and applying for the apprenticeship levy to cover their associated costs with the successful university following procurement.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

- (i) The approach of the apprenticeship scheme and associated costs, as detailed in the report now submitted;**
- (ii) The future volumes of apprenticeships to be offered for Bolton to be delegated to the Director of People and the Deputy Director of People;**
- (iii) The undertaking of the necessary procurement through the greater Manchester Public Sector Apprenticeship Framework for the purchase of the tutorial elements of the apprentice training, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted'**

- (iv) The award of the Contract being delegated to the Deputy Director of People and/or the Assistant Director of People; and**
- (v) The Borough Solicitor and/or Assistant Director or Deputy Director of People to carry out any necessary formalities.**

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item 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.

3. STAYING SAFE DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which sought approval for additional resources for Staying Safe services to deliver a demand management project, on the basis now detailed.

The report advised that the increased resources in the Safeguarding Service would address the current issues being experienced caused by high demand and increased caseloads.

The project would be managed via a Project Plan which would have the expected outcomes and measures clearly set out and monthly meetings would occur to track progress and ensure that the expected impact was delivered.

The project would also form part of a broader service review and restructure which included changes to the Framework for Assessment. The combination of the approaches was expected to deliver the required demand management approaches.

The report outlined the proposed financial arrangements and went on to provide details in relation to the proposed method of procurement for the recruitment of staff to form a specialist

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team of social workers to deliver the project. Further details of the role and function and expected achievements were detailed.

If agreed, the proposed project would start in June, 2019 for a limited time of six months.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The proposals contained within the report now submitted.