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## Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People Decision Day on Wednesday, 13th January, 2021

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# Item 1

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
<b>Date:</b>	13 January 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Children's Services Procurement – Approval to Spend
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

1.1. That approval is given for:

- a) A one-year extension of the current contract for Independent Fostering Agencies - Lot 1 Standard Foster Placements including Respite; and Lot 2 Parent and Child. The extension will be from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Approval is given for additional spend of up to £14,500,000 for the extension of one additional year to be funded from existing revenue budgets.
- b) Spend under the 16+ High Support Needs Accommodation Framework. The value of spend under this framework will be £20,000,000 for the initial four years (to 2025), with an option to extend to a six year term (4 years +2 years), a total spend of up to £30,000,000. This is to be funded from existing revenue budgets.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The Council currently has a framework agreement in place for the provision of fostering placements for children and young people through Independent Fostering Agencies. This is split into two lots, Lot 1 for Standard Foster Placements including Respite; and Lot 2 for Parent and Child Placements.
- 2.2. Lot 1 for Standard Foster Placements including Respite is for children who do not present with complex or challenging needs and behaviours 0-18 years. It is possible that they have experienced placement breakdowns as well as abuse, neglect and loss and may demonstrate some low-level offending and/or challenging behaviours. Some children with disabilities and/or health needs may also require standard foster placements.
- 2.3. Lot 2 Parent & Child Placements are for a parent or parents who need extra support to care for their child or children. The parent(s) are given opportunities to develop their confidence and parenting skills in a family environment.

- 2.4. The framework agreement, through which the external spend is commissioned, is due to end on 31 March 2021. In order to have a new framework agreement in place for April 2021, tendering activity should take place in the Autumn of 2020. However, due to the continued effect of COVID-19 on providers of foster care and foster carers themselves, the market's capacity to tender in Autumn 2020 was severely affected. Using the provision for contract variation under the Public Procurement Regulations 2015 (Regulation 72 (1) (c)), it is intended that the current framework agreement is extended for an additional one year, until 31 March 2022.
- 2.5. The Council plans to tender a new framework agreement and work on this will commence such that a new framework will be in place from April 2022.
- 2.6. The Council has a framework agreement in place for 16+ High Support Needs Accommodation. High Support Needs Accommodation is where young people need over 15 hours of support per week and the provider is able to source accommodation as well as well as provide the support. This could be shared or solo accommodation depending on the young person's needs. This framework agreement commenced on 1 January 2019 and is due to expire 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. However, spend under the current framework agreement has exceed expectations and the framework agreement has reached its advertised contract value. As a result, the Council will need to be retendered in order to remain compliant with Public Procurement Regulation 2015 (Regulation 33 (6)).
- 2.7. The Council plans to tender a new framework agreement that will have a limited number of providers, which will enhance partnership and strategic working. This framework agreement will complement other contracted provision for 16+ services, namely supported lodgings, high intensity and floating support services, and a framework agreement for out of county placements.

### **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Hampshire County Council could have chosen not to approve spend. This would have meant commissioning would be outside of the procurement rules and regulations and/or that children and young people do not have placements available when required.

### **4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

### **5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None**

### **6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable**

**7. Statement from the decision maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
----- Councillor Patricia Stallard Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People	13 January 2021

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# Item 2

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
<b>Date:</b>	13 January 2021
<b>Title:</b>	2021/22 Revenue Budget for Children's Services
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services and Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

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#### 1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Children's Service approves for submission to the Leader and the Cabinet:

- 1.1. The revised revenue budget for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2. The summary revenue budget for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.3. Changes to the local school funding formula for 2021/22, as set out in the report.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council is required to agree its budget and set the council tax for 2021/22 at its meeting on 25 February 2021. The budget is set in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) which was approved by the County Council in November 2019 and updated subsequently in July 2020.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The total of the budget proposals in this report are in line with the guidelines set by Cabinet. A budget in excess of the guidelines is not considered affordable and a budget significantly below the guidelines would not enable service objectives to be met. These service objectives and budgets for 2021/22 and future years have been developed in keeping with the County Council's priorities.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** None

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** Not applicable

**7. Statement from the decision maker:**

In reaching this decision, I note the majority support for the recommendations from the Children and Young People Select Committee at their meeting on the 13 January 2021.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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13 January 2021

Councillor Patricia Stallard  
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and  
Young People

# Item 3

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
<b>Date:</b>	13 January 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Children's Services Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2023/24
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services and Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. To approve submission to the Leader and Cabinet the capital programme for 2021/22 to 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1 and the revised capital programme cash limit for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 2 including the carry forward of resources as set out in Table 3.
- 1.2. That resources of £0.35m be added to the 2021/22 Capital Programme in respect of Deer Park School.
- 1.3. That the deferral of resources relating to schemes of £2.377m be approved for submission to Cabinet as shown in Table 10 of this report.
- 1.4. That the following variation to the 2020/21 capital programme be approved:
  - That further to the decision of 11 November 2020, approval is given to an additional £0.2m (to a total of £2.7m) of grant provision to create SEND Post-16 Resourced Provisions at Brockenhurst College, Farnborough College of Technology, Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke and Alton College, and delegated authority given to the Director of Children's Services to determine grant distribution between the respective Colleges.
  - That in respect of the Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College, Farnborough, approval is given to spend £0.6m on a Pre-Construction Agreement (PCA) to enable design and feasibility works for the project to be progressed, with the contractor Interserve.
- 1.5. That it is recommended that approval be given to the Director of Children's Services to determine those sites that require modular buildings for the 2021/22 academic year and that the sites listed in Appendix 3 be noted.
- 1.6. That it is also recommended that approval be given to the Director of Children's Services to allocate £1.2m of identified revenue funding to support

the short-term hire and relocation of existing modular buildings. It is also recommended that approval be given to the Director of Children's Services to allocate £2m to those sites that have been determined as requiring the purchase of new modular buildings.

- 1.7. That the projects listed at Appendix 4 for Access Improvements in Schools for 2021/22 are approved.
- 1.8. That the projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 5 are noted.
- 1.9. That the School Places Plan at Appendix 6 be noted
- 1.10. That the School Suitability Programme projects identified in Appendix 7 be approved.

## **2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. This report sets out the updated Children's Services Capital Programme for 2021/22 – 2023/24. This report has been prepared in consultation with the Executive Lead Member.

## **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Not applicable.

## **4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

None.

- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

None.

## **5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None.**

## **6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.**

## **7. Statement from the decision maker:**

In reaching this decision, I note the unanimous support for the recommendations from the Children and Young People Select Committee at their meeting on the 13 January 2021.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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Councillor Patricia Stallard  
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and  
Young People

13 January 2021

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