

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	19 January 2024
<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 the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives the approval to spend for the Residential Care placements made under a Framework agreement to up to the value of £327.6M over an 8-year period from 1 October 2024.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives approval to spend for up to £10,000,000 over a 7-year period for the Supported Lodgings Accommodation in Hampshire with a contract start date of 1 June 2024.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives approval to spend for Adoption Support Therapies called off under an open Framework agreement for up to £3,600,000 over a 3-year period with an anticipated start date of 1 April 2024.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Approval to spend which will allow the procurement of frameworks that enable effective call off contracts for the provision of services from suppliers who have bid to join the frameworks; met the minimum service requirements; who have had the appropriate due diligence checks undertaken and signed up to the relevant terms and conditions.
- 2.2. These new frameworks will be compliant with the Public Procurement Regulations (2015), the County Councils Constitution and Contract Standing Orders.
- 2.3. The frameworks will support the sufficiency of supply for the services; Children's Residential Care; Supported Lodgings Accommodation; and Adoption Support Therapies.

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

- 3.1. Other routes to market were considered and rejected as the proposed frameworks provide the greatest flexibility.
- 3.2. Not undertaking a procurement exercise for these services would result in an increase in 'off contract spend' and would not be compliant with the County Council's Contract Standing Orders.

**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: Not Applicable

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** Not Applicable

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

**7. Statement from the decision maker:** None

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Councillor Edward Heron**  
**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**

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