

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	7 July 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 the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves spend for the Overnight Respite framework to the value of £5,000,000.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves spend for the Independent Fostering Agency framework to the value of £84,000,000.
- 1.3 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves spend for the Adult & Community Learning framework to the value of £5,200,000.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To ensure that the required levels of approval are in place for spend on the above contracts once they have been awarded. This ensures compliance with spend thresholds and delegated authority processes.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Alternative commissioning arrangements for delivering overnight respite and fostering support.
- 3.2 Not re-tendering Overnight respite and Independent Fostering Agency frameworks, which would result in a lack of services for young people and potential failure to meet statutory duties.
- 3.3 To not seek appropriate spend approval would be to operate outside of procurement and council standards and regulations and therefore this was not considered.

**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:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Cllr Roz Chadd**  
**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**

**07 July 2021**