

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member young people and children's wellbeing

Title	Bromyard Children's Centre Services
Decision maker	Cabinet member young people and children's wellbeing Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	21 March 2018
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	<p>To approve the direct award of a six month contract for the delivery of children's centre services in the Bromyard area. The current contractual arrangement ends on 31 March 2018.</p> <p>Initial commissioning intentions for the Bromyard area for beyond April 2018 were developed in 2017. A six-month extension of service will enable additional work to be undertaken so that a long-term decision can be taken for the delivery of services from October 2018.</p>
Decision	

Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50025508
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tender the service based on the existing value and service specification. This option is not recommended as the specification dates from 2012 and is no longer current. The specification will, however, be updated to bring it closer to the approaches in the rest of Herefordshire. 2. Tender the service, or bring it in-house, based on a new value and service specification. This option is not recommend at this time. The additional work to be completed will assist the council to determine the type of service and level of resource required in the long term. This option could, therefore, be appropriate in future. 3. Cease the provision of children’s centre services in the Bromyard area from 31 March 2018. This option is not recommended because it could negatively impact on the intended beneficiaries and place additional pressure on other services to fill any service gap.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	27 March 2018

Councillor:	Date 21 March 2018
Councillor JG Lester, Leader of the Council on behalf of Cabinet member young people and children's wellbeing	

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority’s head of paid service.