

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing

Title	Accommodation Based Support Service for Young People
Decision maker	<p>Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing</p> <p>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</p>
Date of decision	26 November 2020
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	<p>To approve a three month direct award of a contract for accommodation based support service for young people for the period to 31st January 2021. The contract is due to end on 31st October 2020 and an unavoidable delay has resulted a request for a direct award to extend to 31st January 2021. Once approved a waiver will be requested.</p> <p>It was proposed that procurement would commence for a new housing related support service for young people in June 2020, with mobilisation aligning with the completion of building works and the end of the existing supported accommodation for young people contract on 31st October 2020, it was planned that the new service would commence on 1 November 2020.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>A contract be awarded to Citizen Young People for the accommodation based support service for young people for a period of 3 months to 31st January 2021 with a maximum cost of £40k.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IID=50035156</p>
Options considered	<p>1. The option to not extend the service by three months. This is not recommended as this will leave Herefordshire with no specialist supported accommodation service for young people for three months. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted on the social and private rented sectors. The unprecedented circumstances greatly reduced the existing provider's ability to successfully support move on in a timely and appropriate manner to prevent a negative impact on the</p>

	<p>young people they are accommodating and supporting. The pandemic has adversely impacted young people in their ability to access training, education and employment all necessary to underpin successful move on to independent living.</p> <p>2. The option to continue with the existing foyer based model has been explored and exhausted and the matter resolved in previous decisions. This option is not advisable or practicable as the service model no longer meets the changing and diverse needs of Herefordshire's vulnerable young people.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	2 December 2020

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing (Councillor Pauline Crockett)</p>	<p>Date 26 November 2020</p>
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- 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.