

Record of Officer Decision

Decision title:	Contract award for the provision of children's centre services in the Bromyard area								
Date of decision:	11.09.2018								
Decision maker:	Director for Children and Families								
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>They key decision, taken by the Cabinet member for young people and children's wellbeing on 19 July 2018, confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) resources for the provision of children's centre services in the Bromyard area be tapered to align with other parts of Herefordshire, based upon the population of 0-5 year olds, reducing from £65k in 2018/19 to £25k per year by March 2021 (b) a procurement exercise be undertaken to secure a provider for the service with effect from 1 October 2018 (or a soon as possible thereafter) to 31 March 2021; (c) the Director for Children's Wellbeing be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendations; and (d) Contingency is made of £20,000 to support potential costs of service redesign during the contract period. 								
Ward:	Bishops Frome & Cradley; Bromyard Bringsty; Bromyard West; Hampton; Three Crosses								
Consultation:	Representatives of early help and family support services, children's commissioning and public health were involved in the tender evaluation.								
Decision made:	<p>A contract is awarded to Hope for Children and Families for the delivery of children's centre services from 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2021, as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Period</th> <th>Budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1st October 2018- 31st March 2019</td> <td>£25,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st April 2019- 31st March 2020</td> <td>£45,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021</td> <td>£25,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The contract award will be subject to confirmation by the provider that its insurance cover will be amended to comply with the specified levels.</p>	Period	Budget	1st October 2018- 31st March 2019	£25,000	1st April 2019- 31st March 2020	£45,000	1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021	£25,000
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Reasons for decision:	A competitive procurement exercise has been undertaken by the Council. One tender was received, from Hope for Children and Families, which has been evaluated and has met the tender requirements.								
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The tender evaluation panel determined that the successful provider's implementation plan would not sufficiently manage the expected level of change over the lifetime of the contract to be awarded. The Council's Early Help service and children's commissioning team will work with the provider to quickly ensure that a more robust implementation action plan is in place and can be monitored.								

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	The service could be brought into the direct management of the council. As a successful tender has been received, therefore this option has been rejected at this time.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

Date: 11.09.2018