

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

Title	Community activity services procurement for working age adults
Decision maker	Cabinet member health and adult 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	18 January 2023
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	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.
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	This report seeks approval to procure a new community activities provider framework for adults aged 18-65 to start in May 2023.
Decision	That: a) The Council procures a new dynamic framework for community activity services and delegates all operational decisions over the management of it to the Director of Community Wellbeing.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50043661
Options considered	1. Several alternative options have been considered including different procurement options, in-sourcing, and moving to direct payments. The pros and cons of each of these options is

	<p>included in Appendix 1</p> <p>2. The option to do nothing (Option A) was ruled out because it limits the council's control over the quality of services and the price paid for them, and because it does not comply with procurement legislation. Moving to direct payments (Option B) is not being considered further because this also limits the council's control over the quality of services and the price paid for them and risks de-stabilising the market with the providers having less security that they will have people using their services. The in-housing (Option C) and block contracting (Option E)_options reduce the market significantly and so reduce the choice of people using services, and would likely cause negative publicity.</p> <p>3. Therefore Option D was chosen, as a framework: allows the providers some security that the council will be working with them; complies with procurement legislation; and gives the council better control of pricing and quality oversight.</p>
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	24 January 2023

<p>Councillor:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing (Councillor Pauline Crockett)</p>	<p>Date 18 January 2023</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.