

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Award of contracts for Family Mentoring and Befriending
Date of decision:	31 January 2018
Decision maker:	Director for Children's Wellbeing
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>An executive decision was undertaken by Herefordshire Cabinet on 26/10/2017, authorising the Director for Children's Wellbeing (Report titled: Commissioning Intentions for early help services for children and young people and their families – further information can be found via the following link :- http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ielssueDetails.aspx?IId=50022894&PlanId=0&Opt=3#AI47739 to procure family mentoring services for a period of one year at a maximum cost of £166,000 for 2018/19, with an option to extend for a further year, subject to the funding being available.</p>
Ward:	All wards
Consultation:	Political consultation was undertaken as part of the decision making process for cabinet.
Decision made:	<p>The following contracts be awarded as a result of a competitive tendering process.</p> <p>Contract 1 be awarded to Herefordshire Vennture to deliver a family mentoring service at a cost of £100,000 from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 (with provision to extend for a further one year).</p> <p>Contract 2 be awarded to Home-Start Herefordshire to deliver the Befriending Service at a cost of £66,000 from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 (with provision to extend for a further one year).</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>An open procurement exercise has been undertaken by the council's commercial services department in line with the council's contract procedure rules. The bids received were evaluated and agreement was reached at to who to award the contracts too.</p> <p>The procurement tenders were split into 2 lots; one for a family mentoring service and another for a befriending service. These services are to support the delivery of early help services.</p> <p>Following confirmation of the outcome of a procurement process conducted in line with Herefordshire Council's Contract Procedure Rules, contracts are awarded from 1st April 2018 up to a maximum of 31st March 2020.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Any risks associated with the providers not delivering the services on our behalf will be minimised as we ensure that we have robust contract monitoring processes in place.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	The tender process allowed others to bid for the services to ensure the best opportunities for delivery of the services was secured. We could have taken the decision not to award the contracts. However, this has been rejected as funding has been confirmed to enable us to continue these services. The preferred providers have satisfactorily met the tender evaluation criteria.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	N/A

Signed

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