

Record of officer decision

Decision title	Award of contract to Community Care Inform (CCI) for the provision of resources to support evidence based best practice.
Date of decision:	15 March 2019
Decision maker (job title):	Director Adults and Communities
Authority for delegated decision (e.g. cabinet decision or scheme of delegation – provide reference):	The chief executive's scheme of delegation
Ward:	Countywide
If relevant, summarise cabinet member and/or ward member consultation:	N/A this is an operational decision
Decision made:	To pilot the use of CCI for the access to, and delivery of, resources to support evidence based best practice and continual professional development for social workers for a period of 29 months at a total cost of £31,846 (excludes contract annual contract inflation of up to 4%) from the 1 April 2019.
Reasons for decision (if a report was produced to support the decision, refer to and attach the same):	<p>CCI are a leading provider for online resources to support continued professional development for both social workers in adults and children services.</p> <p>This service is a key resource of support and information for social workers and the wider directorate. The information, research and learning opportunities provided by this service will form a vital part of the AaC workforce training programme. It is important that staff have access to a provision of resources, enabling them to keep informed about current best practice, legislation and policy developments.</p> <p>Children and families (CaF) directorate currently contract with CCI and the length of this proposed contract has been set at 29 months in order to match the end date of the CaF contract so that a single unified contract can be procured from 2021. Such a unified approach will provide greater synergy between Adults and Communities (AaC) and CaF.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	No risks have been identified, this resource will form part of the social workers workforce training resource and is already budgeted for therefore offers no financial risk to the council.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected (together with reasons):	Do not award the contract. This option is not recommended as it would have immediate significant impact on AaC's ability to develop evidence informed practice. It would impact on the ability to

	maintain effective in house training and development opportunities.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date:/...../201.....

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