

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 12 August 2019 by the Leader of the Council.

Date notified to all Members: Monday 12 August 2019

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Friday 16 August 2019

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Monday 19 August 2019

1. **TITLE**

Young People's Services Review - Extension of Current Contracts

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the current Council contract with Sheffield Futures for the delivery of young people's services be extended for up to 12 months from 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

This option provides continuity of service delivery, thus ensuring the Council has sufficient time to complete consultation, consider the proposals presented and make its decision regarding the future strategic direction for the delivery of youth services in a timely and considered manner.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

Re-commissioning of services on an open tender was considered. However, no decision has yet been made about the way that the Council wishes to deliver its services beyond 2020, and the timeline for managing any change and recommissioning would be impossible to meet within the timescale to 30th September 2019. Given the scale of the services under consideration, the costs involved to both the Council and potential providers in running a tender process, and the potential implications to staff and service continuity of short term changes, this option has been rejected. It is considered that very few, if any, providers would consider bidding for a contract of such short length.

The only alternative option would be for the Council to allow the current contract to end without having alternative services in place by October 2019. This would lead to the Council failing to meet its statutory duties to provide a range of services to vulnerable young people. The Council would be forced to conduct an urgent in-source of some services which would lead to significant cost and disruption if not conducted as part of a properly planned strategic approach.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Commissioning, Inclusion and Learning

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee