

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 01 September 2016 by the Leader of the Council.

Date notified to all members: 1 September 2016

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 7 September 2016

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 8 September 2016

1. **TITLE**

Sheffield Futures Contract Extension

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That approval is given to extend the Council's current contract with Sheffield Futures for young people's services, for a 6 month period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017, with a contract value for that period of £1,328,562.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The contract extension has two key purposes – ensuring continuity of delivery until such time as a new model is developed and, should it be required, to allow time for a competitive tender or service redesign process to be executed. Services *may* be commissioned differently and at this time there would be insufficient time to complete a robust procurement process or undertake any other significant re-design by April 1st 2017.

This proposal provides continuity of service delivery, which is effective, thus ensuring the Council has sufficient time to consider the options available and make its decisions in a timely and considered manner. If this extension is granted, a contract variation will be issued with appropriate outcomes and volumes in the different delivery areas that ensure young people's services are not disrupted.

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 in the next financial year and beyond, and the timeline for managing any change and recommissioning would be difficult to meet within the timescale to March 31st 2017.

The Council could allow the current contract to end without having alternative services in place. This would lead to the Council failing to meet its statutory duties to provide a range of services to young people.

The Council could run an open tender process for the delivery of youth services for

a short 6 month contract. However, 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.

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

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families

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

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee