

## West Sussex County Council

### Proposed Executive Decision for **24 March 2021** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 6 April 2021**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

<b>Decision Title &amp; Ref No:</b>	Remodelling of Orchard House children's home - CYP04(20/21)
<b>Cabinet Member Responsible for Decision</b>	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	Cuckfield & Lucastes
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>Orchard House children's home in Cuckfield is part of the Council's Residential Service and caters for residential placements and short breaks for children with disabilities, with capacity for up to 16 children at one time. The home consists of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The main building, separated into 2 wings,</li><li>• Orchard Lodge, a stand-alone building on the premises, and</li><li>• The home's contact space, where supervised contact takes place between children and families</li></ul> <p>As part of phase 2 of the improvement programme to deliver the Residential Service Strategy approved by the Cabinet Member decision in October 2019 (<a href="#">CYP03(19.20)</a>), remodelling and refurbishment works are required to resolve critical issues with the site, modernise the home and improve the facilities for those children resident at the home and those who undertake short breaks there.</p> <p>It is proposed that two separate procurements take place to enable these improvements to proceed; one to cover works required to the supervised contact space and the other for the remodelling of the main site at Orchard House, incorporating the main building, lodge and grounds.</p> <p>£397,000 has so far been approved from the capital programme for the design of the Orchard House site and a further £3.786m is requested, bringing the total estimated project cost to £4.183m.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People has approved the commencement of 2 separate procurement processes; the first for a contractor to deliver the works to the Contact Centre and the second for a contractor to deliver the works to the main building and Orchard Lodge,

	and delegates authority to the Executive Director of Children, Young People and Learning, in consultation with the Director of Property and Assets, to award the contracts.
<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None
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<b>Background Papers</b>	See report for details