

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **20 December 2021** call-in deadline 5 p.m. on **31 December 2021**

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

Decision Title & Ref No:	Award of block contract accommodation services for young people aged 16+ - OKD37 (21/22)
Officer responsible for Decision	Lucy Butler - Executive Director Children, Young People and Learning
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>The County Council commissions a range of different accommodation options as part of preparing the children who we care for and care leavers aged 16 years and over for living independently. Accommodation is also provided for other eligible 16+ children who we care for and care leavers, such as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.</p> <p>A new Framework Agreement has recently been established to enable the County Council to purchase accommodation services for looked after young people aged 16+ and care leavers (decision OKD13 (21/22) refers). Under the terms of the Framework Agreement a mini-competition process has been undertaken to award a number of block contracts to provide local accommodation for children who we care for and care leavers.</p> <p>Block contracts provide the Council with whole services of supported accommodation for children who we care for and care leavers. Increasing the number of young people in these arrangements reduces the need to commission individual spot purchase placements and offers better value for money.</p> <p>The Council is now in a position to award the block contracts to successful providers.</p>
Decision	<p>The Executive Director of Children, Young People and Learning has:-</p> <p>(1) Approved the award of block contracts under the West Sussex County Council Framework for Accommodation and Support for Older Looked After Young People and Care Leavers to successful Service Providers as listed in paragraph 2.1 of the report, for an initial period of five (5) years commencing 1st April 2022. There is an option to extend these contracts for a further two (2) years should the service delivery and performance of the contracts be satisfactory.</p>
Interest and nature of interest declared	None

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Background Papers	See report for details