

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **24 April 2024** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 3 May 2024**

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:	Commissioning of Housing Related Support Services for 16-24 year olds - OKD04 (24/25)
Officer responsible for decision	Director of Children, Young People and Learning (Lucy Butler)
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>The County Council provide a range of Housing Related Support services in accommodation-based settings to young people aged 16-24-years old that are either care experienced or at risk of homelessness.</p> <p>These services were procured in 2019 and the contracts subsequently extended in 2022 (decision OKD22 (22/23) refers).</p> <p>The contracts for young people aged 16–24-years old are due to come to the end of the maximum permissible term on 30th September 2024 with no further options for extension. Options are currently being explored for redesigning the future delivery of services to support young people that are either care experienced or at risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Whilst further work is undertaken to develop the redesigned service it is proposed that arrangements with existing providers continue through direct contract awards for the provision of Housing Related Support in accommodation-based settings for up to a further 12 months (until 30th September 2025). This will allow a compliant procurement exercise for the re-modelled service to then follow.</p>
Decision	The Director of Children, Young People and Learning has approved the direct award of contracts to existing providers, detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report, for a period up to twelve months commencing on 1st October 2024.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background papers	See report for details