

## West Sussex County Council

### Proposed Executive Decision for **19 May 2020** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 29 May 2020**

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 May House and Seaside Children's Homes OKD09 (20/21)
<b>Cabinet Member responsible for Decision</b>	Lucy Butler - Executive Director Children, Young People and Learning
<b>West Sussex Plan priority</b>	Best Start in Life
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	Northbrook; Shoreham South
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>The children's in-house residential service is made up of six homes, of which three, including May House and Seaside, are currently closed and awaiting refurbishment whilst feasibility studies and design work are undertaken.</p> <p>A strategy for the residential service was approved by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in October 2019 (decision reference <a href="#">CYP03(19/20)</a>). It seeks to ensure that outcomes for vulnerable children are maximised and that long-term care costs are minimised. It is essential that the assets that enable support to children are redeveloped in order to support the delivery of this strategy as a part of the wider 'children first' improvement plan being driven forward by the Council.</p> <p>To support the delivery of this strategy, the May House and Seaside sites will be remodelled to ensure the most efficient use of the existing space whilst maximising the potential service offering of each site. £225,000 of capital funding has already been approved to develop designs which will deliver the following services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For May House, to provide emergency placements of up to 28 days to facilitate appropriate assessments, particularly for those young people with complex needs who require support to divert them away from secure care, and</li><li>• For Seaside, to provide placements for children on the 'edge of care' who are at risk of entering the care system, to work with these children and young people to help them into a supported placement or prepare them for independent living</li></ul>
<b>Decision</b>	The Executive Director Children, Young People and Learning has approved commencement of a procurement process to appoint a contractor to undertake the

	remodelling of both Seaside and May House children's homes.
<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None
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<b>Background Papers</b>	See report for details