

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL- CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

DECISION RECORD & ACTION NOTES FOLLOWING CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS – TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2020

Present: County Councillor Patrick Mulligan (via Skype) and County Councillor Janet Sanderson

Officers: Stuart Carlton, Howard Emmett, Marion Sadler

In attendance: Catherine Price, Rachel Woodward, Jane le Sage

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>NOTES OF FORMAL MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2020</b>	
	AGREED: as an accurate record.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>REVIEW OF TRANSPORT CONTRACTS FOR SEN PUPILS ATTENDING NORTH YORKSHIRE AND OUT OF COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>	
	<p>CONSIDERED: report, presented by Catherine Price, seeking approval to undertake a review to re-evaluate all of the Council's' contracted transport provision to North Yorkshire special schools ie The Woodlands, The Forest, Springwater, Forest Moor and Brompton Hall.</p> <p>Catherine outlined the engagement to be undertaken with stakeholders as part of the review. Cllr Mulligan asked whether this would be a procurement of all contracts and Catherine responded that the intention was to group the contracts together thus contract value would meet EU procurement thresholds. The findings would be reported to the Council's Transport Board and the outcome would come back to the Corporate Director and Executive Members as part of the gateway process.</p> <p>AGREED: to authorise a review and reprocurement of transport contracts into the above named special schools.</p> <p><i>Key Decision Record Form CYP05/2020 was completed for this item.</i></p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>PROCUREMENT OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY</b>	
	<p>CONSIDERED: report presented by Rachel Woodward seeking approval for the Authority to directly award a Collaboration Agreement to Harrogate District Foundation Trust (HDFT) to deliver speech and language therapy provision. The contract will commence on 1 April 2020 for an initial term of one year with the option to extend for a further one plus one years.</p> <p>The initial term of the contract would allow a wider review of all Speech and Language Therapy requirements to inform the future delivery model from March 2021 and two one-year extension points had been built into the arrangement in order to mitigate any risk of delay with the review.</p> <p>AGREED: To directly award the delivery of speech and language therapy provision to Harrogate District Foundation Trust (HDFT). The contract will commence on 1 April 2020 for an initial term of one year with an option to extend for a further one plus one years. Estimated cost of the contract is £194,300 per annum. A collaboration agreement will be put in place to govern and manage the arrangement.</p>	

		<b>ACTION</b>
	<i>Key Decision Record Form CYP06/2020 was completed for this item.</i>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>TARGETED MAINSTREAM PROVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 2020</b>	
	<p>CONSIDERED: report, presented by Jane le Sage, providing an update on the implementation plan for the establishment of the new models of targeted mainstream provision from September 2020 and seeking approval for formal consultation on Year 1 of implementation.</p> <p>Jane reminded Members of the current model (outreach based) which would cease at the end of the academic year when provision would move to a place based provision with 31 schools proposed at the end of the implementation phase. Nine schools were proposed for Year 1 but discussions were ongoing with further schools although these may be part of the Year 2 roll out. The nine schools who had applied for Year 1 were listed at 4.7 of the report.</p> <p>Cllr Sanderson asked how, if only nine schools were included in Phase 1, would capacity needs be met if the current model ceased by September. Jane reassured Members that the outreach programme would continue but be delivered by the new locality hubs. Cllr Mulligan enquired about how this provision would be staffed and Jane confirmed that EMS staff would be given opportunity to apply for posts within the locality hubs before these went to open advertisement. There were multiple support staff roles available but limited teaching roles available. Stuart outlined the rationale behind the change to the proposed new model.</p> <p>There was discussion about correspondence received from a service user and it was agreed that contact be made to offer a meeting. <b>ACTION: Jane le Sage</b></p> <p>With regard to correspondence from multi academy trust, it was agreed that Cllr Mulligan and Stuart Carlton offer a meeting to discuss the proposed model further. Jane outlined previous discussions and correspondence regarding the inclusivity of the model they proposed. <b>Action: meeting be arranged with Stuart Carlton, Jane le Sage and Cllr Mulligan if available.</b></p> <p>Cllr Mulligan enquired about availability of interested schools in the Craven area. Jane responded that there was limited interest at secondary phase at this stage and discussions would continue with both primary and secondary phase schools in the area.</p> <p>Cllr Mulligan asked whether the proposals had been the subject of Schools Forum discussion and Howard Emmett confirmed that a report had been considered in the Autumn Term 2019 with an update being provided at last week's meeting. Jane said that there was an indication that the Schools Forum understood the LA's objectives in changing the continuum of provision and were supportive of the approach.</p> <p>AGREED: that public consultation be initiated on proposals for Year 1 of the implementation of the new model for targeted mainstream provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (Enhanced Mainstream Provision).</p> <p><i>Key Decision Record Form 07/2020 was completed for this item.</i></p>	<p>JLS</p> <p>MES</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>ADOPTION SERVICE SIX MONTHLY UPDATE</b>	
	<p>NOTED: report, presented by Rosie Appleby and Susie Grove, setting out activity during the first half of the 2019/20 financial year as required under the National</p>	

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>Minimum Standards. The report also included, as an appendix, the Annual Report of the One Adoption Agency North and Humber.</p> <p>Cllr Sanderson said that she felt this was a positive picture and had no concerns as to performance and activity levels. Cllr Sanderson enquired as to reasons for reversal of adoption decisions and Susie Grove said that this could be that a family member had come forward or a court decision reversed.</p> <p>Rosie Appleby outlined performance including good performance in terms of timeliness and in relation to more challenging adoption cases such as large sibling groups. Live auditing was undertaken in terms of adoption support and to ensure clear outcomes were in place for such requests.</p> <p>Susie confirmed that under One Adoption North and Humber, there were more adopters approved than required and this enabled these adopters to be pooled across the region and, if appropriate, supported towards national adoption.</p> <p>Stuart reported on frustrations that not all Local Authorities were yet within a Regional Adoption Agency arrangements. National government had invested in advertisement campaigns to increase interest in adoption. Locally the RAA and North Yorkshire were running campaigns highlighting adoption for sibling groups.</p>	

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (12.45 pm)

- Formal – Tuesday 11 February 2020