

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Contract for Advocacy Services for Children and Young People in North Yorkshire

This record is produced in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

This form should be used to record:

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)**
- **A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
 - (i) under a specific express authorisation; or**
 - (ii) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
 - **grant a permission or licence;**
 - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
 - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.**

(One form per decision)

The following decision has been taken: -

To extend the contract for 1 year from 1st April 2021 until 31st March 2022.

By whom:

Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director - Children and Young People's Service in consultation with Executive Member for Children's Services.

On: 19 January 2021

Was this an executive decision?

YES

If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?

YES

Reasons for decision: -

NYAS was commissioned to provide independent advocacy, a statutory requirement for NYCC under a number of different laws, regulations, guidance and policy initiatives emphasising the importance of advocates in the lives of a wide range of children and young people. In particular the availability of advocacy is support by The Children's Act 1989, The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000, The Adoption and Children Act 2002 and the Care Act 2014.

The Service was for an initial term of five years from 1 October 2014 until 30 September 2019 with two options to extend the contract. At the first break point the decision was made to extend for 18 months until 31 March 2021 to make the contract coterminous with the other

commissioned advocacy services within the Council and to consider the option of combining advocacy services.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

None.

Conflicts of Interest

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?
None	None

Background Papers

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed

Publication Date: 19th January 2021

Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director - CYPS

Cllr Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services

Directorate:
Children and Young People's Service

Note 1 regarding Executive decisions only: This decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 clear working days after publication, unless any 6 members of the Council object to it and call it in by notice in writing (including e-mail) to The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).

Note 2: non-executive and non-key executive decisions by Officers are not subject to call in.

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