Record of Urgent Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Childrens Social Care Managed Team

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Norma Redfearn, Elected Mayor (on behalf of Cabinet)

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

4. Executive summary (taken from written report)

The recruitment market is currently volatile, the Authority is increasingly finding it difficult to recruit and retain suitably qualified employees within the Children Services Department. The Authority contracted with a provider to deliver a managed team of social care staff to work within children's social care to provide additional essential capacity for a further three months. In accordance with the Authority's Contract Standing Orders Cabinet approval is required.

5. Alternative Options considered

Not to agree the Authority entering into a contract with the preferred provider

6. Decision(s)

*It is agreed for the Authority to enter into a contract with the preferred provider.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Entering into a contract with the preferred provider will ensure continuity of service. The incumbent provider will continue to deliver the services on behalf of the Authority. An established framework will be utilised to ensure that value for money is obtained.

8. Date Decision Made

16 December 2022

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

*No – see below

10. Date of Publication

Tuesday 20 December 2022

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

*Tuesday 20 December 2022

*Note – this is an Urgent Decision, as agreed by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and not subject to call-in, as agreed by the Chair of Council.

The reason for urgency is as follows:

Given the urgency and business need to retain the current team it is unfortunately not be possible to meet Cabinet deadlines, therefore, permission was granted to proceed with an Urgent Executive Decision.