### LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families, Councillor Kate Lymer has made the following executive decision:

## **EXTENSION OF EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY SUPPORT CONTRACT**

# **Reference Report:**

Extension of Education Psychology Support Contract

## **Decision:**

That the available six-month extension to the Education Psychology contract with Sanctuary Personnel Limited be agreed at an estimated value of £170k for the period 18 April to 30 September 2024.

That intent to set out a further Gateway report for decision on the longer-term arrangements for Education Psychology provision as set out in Paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 to Report CEF23081 be noted.

#### Reasons:

The national shortage of qualified Educational Psychologists continues to place this service under significant pressure in meeting statutory deadlines. The extension of the existing contract for a 6-month period will allow for a strategic service review to be undertaken and for the development and implementation of a sustainable plan for future service delivery, ensuring that the Local Authority will be able to meet its statutory obligations to Bromley's most vulnerable learners in the longer-term.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee on 20 March 2024 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Councillor Kate Lymer Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

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