

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Care Services (including Public Health), Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

AUTHORISATION FOR EXEMPTION TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT FOR SUPPORT SERVICES TO CHILDREN AT RISK OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (PART 1)

Reference Report:

Authorisation for Exemption to Continue the Contract for Support Services to Children at Risk of Sexual Exploitation

Decision:

That a further award of contract to the existing provider be approved via an exemption to competitive tendering for a nine month period from 1st July 2016 to 31st March 2017, during which the contract will be retendered based on a revised specification.

Reasons:

The existing contract for support services to children at risk of sexual exploitation is due to end on 30th June 2016. The initial retendering process commenced in early 2016, but an Ofsted Inspection had been undertaken of Children's Social Care services from 11th April to 5th May 2016, and it is now proposed that the service specification be reviewed to accommodate any outcomes from this Inspection. To support the provision of ongoing specialist support from the current practitioner for the existing caseload of young people, an increase in capacity to accommodate a waiting list of six children and the continuation of planned training sessions for practitioners whilst the review is being undertaken, it is proposed to continue with the existing provision and provider for a further period of nine months with an increase in capacity, via an exemption to competitive tendering, until a new contract can be put in place.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Care Services PDS Committee on 28th June 2016 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Date of Decision: 1st July 2016
Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 8th July 2016
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