

# 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:

### **CONTRACT AWARD VIA EXEMPTION TO COMPETITIVE TENDERING: VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING FOR CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE PRACTITIONERS**

#### **Reference Report:**

*Contract Award via Exemption to Competitive Tendering: Virtual Reality Training for Children's Social Care Practitioners*

#### **Decision:**

That a five-year contract be awarded for the provision of Virtual Reality training and support to Cornerstone Training and Support Limited to commence 1 April 2023 at an estimated annual value of £24,705 (whole life value of £183,525, inclusive of cumulative spend), via an exemption to competitive tendering.

#### **Reasons:**

Cornerstone Training and Support Service Ltd provides Virtual Reality training, materials and support to practitioners in Children's Social Care at the London Borough of Bromley via a contract which is due to end in March 2023. The purpose of this programme is to embed immersive experiences into the Council's professional social care practice to improve outcomes in referral and assessment for children to achieve permanency, including Fostering, Special Guardianship and Adoption. As this is a unique and specialist service with no alternative suppliers currently on the market, it is proposed that Cornerstone Training and Support Service Ltd be awarded a further five-year contract via an exemption to competitive tendering to commence from April 2023 for a period of five years at an estimated annual value of £24,705 (a whole life value of £183,505, inclusive of cumulative spend).

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee on 17 November 2022 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Councillor Kate Lymer  
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**Date of Decision:** 21 November 2022  
**Implementation Date (subject to call-in):** 28 November 2022  
**Decision Reference:** CEFPH22019