

# Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Approval to award Supported Accommodation contracts for Children & Young People via a Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle (DPV) set up by the Commissioning Alliance
Key Decision:	No
Reason Key:	Over £1m
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Approval of the Annual Procurement Forward Plan was given in December 2020 Cabinet 15 December 2020 Min ref: 212/20

## Summary

Surrey County Council has a statutory responsibility to provide housing to vulnerable children and young people in Surrey from priority need groups. The purpose of the Supported Accommodation commission is to ensure that sufficient high quality accommodation with support is available for young people that meets their needs, enables them to be safe and to achieve positive outcomes in relation to independent living, health, social wellbeing, education and employment.

The SCC Dynamic Purchasing System that is currently in place will be coming to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and there are no extensions periods available.

After reviewing different options, on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the Placement Value Outcomes Board (PVO) agreed a recommendation to join the Commissioning Alliance set up by Ealing Council.

The Alliance have set up a Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle (DPV) which is an "adapted" or "Pseudo" Dynamic Purchasing System which enables local authorities to collectively procure through a set of DPV contracts with consistent terms and conditions, enabled through process and data with the CarePlace system. Currently, there are 14 local authorities who are members of the Commissioning Alliance.

Through the DPV, SCC can commission Supported Accommodation services to make placements for children and young people.

The Commissioning Alliance's DPV commenced on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and is in place for 5 years, ending on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025. There is also an available extension period of 3 years (+1, +1, +1). Surrey County Council will be accessing this DPV from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

## Decision made

### Decision made:

It was AGREED that:

1. Surrey County Council will join the DPV set up by the Commissioning Alliance to deliver Supported Accommodation Services.
2. All Call off contracts for individual placements and block contracts via a mini competition made under the DPV will be approved by the Director of Commissioning and/or Head of Service.

### Reasons for Decision:

Surrey County Council will be able to meet statutory duties and ensuring we provide Supported Accommodation to vulnerable children and young people from priority need groups. This is also a compliant route to market meeting the requirements of the Procurement and Contract Regulations 2015.

Decision taken by:	Leigh Whitehouse
Decision taken on:	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
To be implemented on:	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021

**Alternative options considered**

N/A

**Summary of any financial implications**

Surrey County Councils overall estimated spend through the DPV is £24,664,000.  
The overall cost for Surrey to access the Commissioning Alliance's DPV is £264,000.

**Declarations of conflicts of interest**

None

**Consultation/Process Followed**

This was captured and approved by Cabinet as part of the APFP.

**Background Documents**

Exempt:

Part 1 Procurement Report



Supported  
Accommodation - Ork

Yes

Corporate Parenting Commissioning/Gateway to Resources Presentation



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Supported Accomoda

Yes