

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



Title:	<b>Award of a Contract to Block 3 Beds in a Residential Children's Home</b>
Divisions Affected:	None
Key Decision:	No
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	<i>Cabinet 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (APFP ref: T2090)</i>

## Summary

SCC has a requirement to secure more local beds for Surrey's children at better value for money through targeted block contracts with Surrey-based providers.

There is an ongoing need to secure residential beds in Surrey, as there is a large percentage of children currently being placed outside of the geographic boundaries of Surrey. In county placements enable looked after children to be closer to friends, family and communities, access education and other support services in-county.

In December 2021, Cabinet gave the approval to procure up to 30 residential block beds.

To enable this ambition of up to 30 beds is to establish a new in-house Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), that will enable SCC to commission placements in regulated Children's Homes.

There is also an immediate requirement to enter into a 6 Month Contract (with the option to extend by a further 6 months) with Proposer and Enterprise Ltd (provider) to block 3 beds at Bransfield Manor children's residential home. The three beds are urgently required with one child set to move into the home on November 7th 2022.

## Decision made

### Decision made:

It was AGREED that:

1. To direct award a contract to Prosper and Enterprise Ltd for the provision of three block beds at Bransfield Manor residential home.

### Reasons for Decision:

The opportunity to enter into a contract for residential block beds with a Surrey

provider is a rarity, and the increase in demand for these placements could result in SCC losing this opportunity to another local authority.

The provider is Ofsted registered and this contract aligns with the corporate goal of securing 80% of children within Surrey boundaries.

Secure more local beds for Surrey's children at better value for money through targeted block contracts.

Decision taken by:	Rachael Wardell
Decision taken on:	31 October 2022
To be implemented on:	07 November 2022

#### **Alternative options considered**

As described in the Procurement Report

#### **Summary of any financial implications**

As described in the Procurement Report.

#### **Declarations of conflicts of interest**

None

#### **Consultation/Process Followed**

As described in the Procurement Report.

#### **Background Documents**

Exempt:

*Procurement report with options considered*

Yes