

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Award of 11 Family Centres and Family Resilience contracts
Divisions Affected:	Children, Families and Lifelong Learning – Family Resilience
Key Decision:	Yes
Reason Key:	Over £1m
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Approval of the Annual Procurement Forward Plan was given on 21 December 2021 Mins Ref: 243/21

Summary

The eleven new contracts for Family Centres and Family Resilience commissioned services are aligned to Surrey's eleven D&B geographical areas and will commence on 1st April 2024. SCC has followed the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 to ensure the process has been conducted in accordance with the principles of equality, non-discrimination, transparency, proportionality and competition.

The initial contract term is 5 years, with the ability to extend for 3 years followed by a further 2 years, making the maximum contract duration 10 years. The extension periods would be subject to the discretion of SCC. The financial envelope for the recommission was signed off by Cabinet in February 2023. The total funding envelope is approx. £6.5m per annum.

The current 15 Family Centres and 11 Mentoring services contracts are ending on the 31 March 2024. These services are vital to identifying and preventing children, young people and families' needs from escalating and provide an opportunity for residents to build resilience and confidence, enabling them to connect to their local community.

The current contractual arrangements are coming to an end on the 31 March 2024.

Decision made

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It was AGREED that:

- 1.Surrey County Council will award 11 Contracts for Family Centres and Family Resilience (see Procurement Report).
2. All future extensions to Contracts for Family Centres and Family Resilience will be approved by the Director of Commissioning and/or Head of Service.

Reasons for Decision:

Surrey County Council will be able to ensure we provide Family Centres and Family Resilience Services to Children, Young People and their families. This is also a compliant route to market meeting the requirements of 'The Public Contracts Regulations 2015'.

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Decision taken by:	Rachael Wardell, Executive Director Children, Families & Lifelong Learning
Decision taken on:	06/12/2023
To be implemented on:	14/12/2023

Alternative options considered

n/a

Summary of any financial implications

In February 2023 the overall budget for the Council was formally and publicly agreed. Councillors agreed as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) budget setting process that all contracts that were due to be recommissioned in 2024/2025 would have an estimated 10% reduction in their contract value. This means that there is an efficiency against these recommissioned services equating to £728k.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

The following stakeholders and partners have been informed about the Early Help recommissioning model during the following meetings:

- Children, Families and Lifelong Learning Leadership Team Meeting
- Corporate Leadership Team Meeting
- Informal Select Committee
- Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive Group
- Cabinet member for CFLL
- Informal Cabinet
- Market engagement events with potential providers

Engagement and co-design events with children, young people, families, partners and practitioners also took place please see website for more information [Early Help Recommissioning information 2023 - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/early-help-recommissioning)

Background Documents

Background Documents	Exempt:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part 1 Procurement Report	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please see Select Committee Report Part B (02 October 2023) for more information on the recommissioning process Report (surreycc.gov.uk)	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outputs of engagement, co-design activities and Market Engagement can be found on the Early Help Recommissioning information 2023	Yes

website Early Help Recommissioning information 2023 - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)	
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