Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Title:	South Central Children's Residential Framework
Divisions Affected:	Surrey Wide
Key Decision:	Yes
Reason Key:	Over £1m
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Cabinet-19 December 2023 Item: Annual Procurement Forward Plan for financial year 2024-25

Summary

Surrey County Council are requesting approval to access the new framework tendered by Southampton City Council on behalf of a consortium of Local Authorities across the Southern Region of England. The consortium came together to commission children's residential care using a framework agreement, in order to fulfil their statutory duty to provide high quality residential care to looked after children within their Authority. The framework is a route to market, with pre-qualifying, Ofsted registered children's care homes with fixed price points.

Decision made

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It was AGREED that:

1.   Surrey County Council will procure Children's residential home via the newly established framework, where appropriate
2.   All call off contracts for Individual Placements will be made by the Gateway to Resources team using an individual placement agreement

Reasons for Decision:

Surrey County Council will be able to meet statutory duties and ensuring we provide Children's Residential Services to children and young people. This is also a compliant route to market meeting the requirements of the Procurement and Contracts Regulations 2015.

Decision taken by:	Rachael Wardell (Executive Director, Children Families and Lifelong Learning)
Decision taken on:	01 October 2024
To be implemented on:	01 October 2024

Alternative options considered

N/A

Summary of any financial implications

As detailed in the Procurement Report

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

As detailed in the Procurement Report

Background Documents	Exempt:
Procurement Report	Yes