


OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS FORM

<p>State the Delegated Authority that you are relying on in order to make this decision: e.g. specific (identified in constitution) or general</p>
<p>General (Decision is not key because it is an exempt decision regarding care packages, service responses and expenditure for care and accommodation which relate to individual service users)</p>
<p>Subject of decision: e.g. freehold disposal of land (16K-149K), contract extension, new policy</p>
<p>Increase in block contract with Cambian to increase from 7 to 9 beds for the remaining term of the contract.</p>
<p>Text of decision: e.g. can include monies received by the Council, list any terms agreed, brief summary of the policy – Do not include any confidential information.</p>
<p>The block contract with Cambian has worked well over the years and are now looking to open a new 2 bedded home in Stockton and following discussions with them we have negotiated to increase the current block contract in order to include these 2 new beds. This has resulted in a new negotiated bed rate but is still below the spot purchase rates that we are currently facing when trying to secure new residential placements. The 2 beds will be more beneficial for young people placed as they will remain closer to Middlesbrough, but will also allow for better matching allow for improved stability of placements. Placing within the Tees Valley will also allow contact with family and the ability to continue to support local education where appropriate.</p>
<p>Reason for decision: e.g. benefits, new legislation requires a policy, review of opening hours, non- key decision, outside of agreed budget framework</p>
<p>Middlesbrough Council continues to commissioning a number of out of area high cost residential beds due to lack of local availability, these beds are often significant in cost but also means that the young person is far from their family, friends, education and health support if required. The ability to place within the Tees Valley will allow greater support for the young person as well as being considerably cheaper. Cambian are also fully supportive of working in partnership with the Future for Families service in order to further enhance our ability to improve the life chances of our children and young people and support them to find their forever placement.</p>
<p>Other options considered (if any)</p>
<p>There has been other providers considered to offer block beds but following meetings with the HOS for the service and the provider it was felt that they lacked the necessary skills required by the Council. The new home with Cambian has the ability to be brought into our current block contract and the HOS for the service area following meeting and visiting the new home are very supportive of increasing the current contract.</p>
<p>Has an Impact Assessment been completed Yes/No – if yes please attach to the decision.</p>
<p>Yes. The impact assessment found that there would be a positive impact on children and young people by increasing capacity for residential care within the local area, reducing the need to place children further afield.</p>

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Declarations of Interest by any member or relevant local government body
None
Who have you consulted as part of the decision making process e.g. Head of Service, Executive Member, Community Association, Surveyor?
Director of Children's Services, Director of Children's Care, Head of Operations Families for Futures
Date of decision
25 th September 2020
Service area
Children's Services
Name of Delegated Officer making decision - i.e. Officer who is designated the power in the Constitution
Director of Children's Services
Name of the Officer making the decision – if power has been sub-delegated to another Officer.
n/a
List of background papers (do not list if contain exempt/confidential information)
None
Signed: 
Dated: 25 th September 2020