

Report of:	Sue Butcher - Executive Director of Children’s Services Councillor Antony High - Deputy Mayor and Lead Member for Children’s Social Care
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Submitted to:	Executive - 13 April 2021
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Subject:	Youth Services Update
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Summary

Proposed decision(s)
That Executive note the content of this report.

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Is the report urgent?¹
Information	No	N/A	No

Contribution to delivery of the 2020-23 Strategic Plan		
People	Place	Business
Procuring high quality services to meet the needs of our children and young people.	Potential to stimulate a range of youth services across the borough for our children and young people.	Procurement of experienced and high quality providers to deliver a range of youth service provision across the borough.

Ward(s) affected
All wards are affected

¹ Remove for non-Executive reports

What is the purpose of this report?

1. To update the Executive on the outcome of the Youth Services tender and mobilisation activity ongoing to ensure services commence on 1st April 2021.

Why does this report require a Member decision?

2. The report is being provided in order to keep the Executive informed of the impact of its decision to tender contracts to deliver these services.

Report Background

3. The Executive report dated 14th July 2020 provided approval for the formal procurement of a Youth Service to be carried out by Middlesbrough Council.
4. A compliant tender was carried out and following evaluation in line with the tender requirements the Council has awarded the following contracts:
 - a. Lot 1 – Universal Youth Work – The Linx
 - b. Lot 2 – Targeted Youth Work – The Junction
 - c. Lot 3 – Transition Youth Work – Middlesbrough Football Club (MFC)
5. The contracts all commence on 1st April 2021 and following contract award the Council has been working with all three providers on their mobilisation plans.
6. All providers have confirmed that the work they are carrying on out on mobilisation will ensure that their services are up and running on the 1st April 2021.
7. Collaboration between all three suppliers is working positively ensuring co-ordination of delivery plans and referral criteria with a main focus on avoiding duplication and ensuring the youth offer is comprehensive.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

8. That Executive note the content of this report.

Why is this being recommended?

9. The report is being provided in order to keep the Executive informed of the impact of its decision to tender contracts to deliver these services.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

10. Not application, this report is for information only.

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

Legal

11. There are no impacts as the award of these contracts were made following a compliant procurement process.

Financial

12. There are no financial implications as budgets were confirmed within the 14th July 2020 Executive report and this report is for information only.

Policy Framework

13. This decision will support delivery of the Mayor's Vision, assist in budget planning and achievement of the Medium Term Financial Plan and help deliver the Council's Strategic Priorities.

Equality and Diversity

14. Not applicable, this report is for information only.

Risk

15. The contracts will positively impact on the following known risks:

- a. O9-004 Failure to correctly target vulnerable families which are those at greatest need.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

16. The Council and the providers will continue to support each other through mobilisation to ensure services are operational on 1st April 2021.

Appendices

None

Background papers

None

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