

## LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING ON 23 APRIL 2020**

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

In accordance with the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules, the following decisions may be implemented from **1300 hours on 4 May 2020** unless referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee (ie after 13.00 hours on the 6th working day following the day on which the decision was taken). The call-in procedure is appended to this notice.

The following apply to the decision below:

**Reasons for these decisions:** As set out in the Part A report

**Other options considered and rejected:** As set out in the Part A report

**Details of conflicts of interest declared by the decision maker:** None

**Note of dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in relation to a declared conflict of interest by that decision maker:** None

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the decision maker the power to make the Key Decisions noted out below:

**Decision Title: RESIDENTIAL AND INDEPENDENT FOSTERING AGENCY PROVISION FOR CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER APPROVED PROVIDER PANEL AGREEMENT**

**Key Decision No: 1120CYPL**

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report, and associated confidential Part B report, and the requirements of the Council's public sector equality duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Learning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources

**Details of decision:**

**RESOLVED:** To

1. Approve the award contracts for admittance to the Approved Provider Panel Agreement for the 2 Lots;

- **Lot 1 – Residential Child Care Provision;**
- **Lot 2 – Independent Fostering Agency Provision**

To the providers as detailed in the Part B report on this report, for a contract term of three years, with an option to extend for up to a further 5 years, in periods of 2+2+1 at a maximum overall agreement value of £700,000,000 for the whole of the SLCP member boroughs, of which Croydon's maximum agreement spend will be £90 million based on a projected annual budget of approximately £11.2 million per annum.

2. To note that the names of the successful providers will be released once the decision has been implemented.

**Signed:** Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

**Notice Date:** 24 April 2020

## Scrutiny Referral/Call-in Procedure

1. The decisions may be implemented **1300 hours on 4 May 2020** (the 6th working day following the day on which the decision was taken) unless referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
2. The Council Solicitor shall refer the matter to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee if so requested by:-
  - i) the Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and 1 member of that Committee; or for education matters the Chair, Vice Chair and 1 member of that Committee; or
  - ii) 20% of Council Members (14)
3. The referral shall be made on the approved pro-forma (*attached*) which should be submitted electronically or on paper to Victoria Lower by the deadline stated in this notice. Verification of signatures may be by individual e-mail, fax or by post. A decision may only be subject to the referral process once.
4. The Call-In referral shall be completed giving:
  - i) The grounds for the referral
  - ii) The outcome desired
  - iii) Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to consider the referral
  - iv) The date and the signatures of the Councillors requesting the Call-In
5. The decision taker and the relevant Chief Officer(s) shall be notified of the referral who shall suspend implementation of the decision. The Chair of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee shall also be notified.
6. The referral shall be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee unless, in view of the Council Solicitor, this would cause undue delay. In such cases the Council Solicitor will consult with the decision taker and the Chair of Scrutiny and Overview to agree a date for an additional meeting. The Scrutiny & Overview Committee may only decide to consider a maximum of 3 referrals at any one meeting.
7. At the Scrutiny & Overview Committee meeting the referral will be considered by the Committee which shall determine how much time the Committee will give to the call in and how the item will be dealt with including whether or not it wishes to review the decision. If having considered the decision there are still concerns about the decision then the Committee may refer it back to Cabinet for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of the concerns. The Cabinet shall then reconsider the decision, amending the decision or not, before making a final decision.
8. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee may refer the decision to the Council if it considers that the decision is outside of the budget and policy framework of the Council. In such circumstances, the provisions of Rule 7 of the Budget & Policy Framework Procedure Rules (Part 4C of the Constitution) apply. The Council

may decide to take no further action in which case the decision may be implemented. If the Council objects to Cabinet's decision it can nullify the decision if it is outside the Policy Framework and/or inconsistent with the Budget.

9. If the Scrutiny and Overview Committee decides that no further action is necessary then the decision may be implemented.
10. If the Council determines that the decision was within the policy framework and consistent with the budget, the Council will refer any decision to which it objects together with its views on the decision, to the Cabinet. The Cabinet shall choose whether to either amend, withdraw or implement the original decision within 10 working days or at the next meeting of the Cabinet of the referral from the Council.
11. The responses of the decision-taker and the Council shall be notified to all Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee once the Cabinet or Council has considered the matter and made a determination.
12. If either the Council or the Scrutiny and Overview Committee fails to meet in accordance with the Council calendar or in accordance with paragraph 6 above, then the decision may be implemented on the next working day after the meeting was scheduled or arranged to take place.
13. **URGENCY:** The referral procedure shall not apply in respect of urgent decisions. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the referral process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The record of the decision and the notice by which it is made public shall state if the decision is urgent and therefore not subject to the referral process. The Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee must agree that the decision proposed cannot be reasonably deferred and that it is urgent. In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair's consent shall be required. In the absence of both the Chair and Deputy Chair, the Mayor's consent shall be required. Any such urgent decisions must be reported at least annually in a report to Council from the Leader including the reasons for urgency.

**Signed:** Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

**Notice Date:** 24 April 2020

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**PROFORMA**

**REFERRAL OF A KEY DECISION TO THE  
SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

For the attention of: Victoria Lower, Democratic Services & Scrutiny  
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Meeting:  
Meeting Date:  
Agenda Item No:

**Reasons for referral:**

- i) The decision is outside of the Policy Framework
- ii) The decision is inconsistent with the budget
- iii) The decision is inconsistent with another Council Policy
- iv) Other: Please specify:

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**The outcome desired:**

**Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to consider  
the referral:**

Signed:

Date:

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Committee