

Decisions of the Urgency Committee

8 July 2021

Members Present:-

Councillor Daniel Thomas (Chairman)
Councillor David Longstaff (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Barry Rawlings

1. MINUTES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman outlined the Covid face to face meeting restriction rules that all present needed to follow.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting that took place on 5 January 2021 be approved as an accurate record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

None.

3. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

None.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Committee noted that the response to the submitted Public Question was published and circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman noted that the questioner was not in attendance.

5. PROCUREMENT OF CHILDREN'S INTEGRATED THERAPIES CONTRACT

The Chairman introduced the report. He noted the meeting of the Children Education and Safeguarding Committee on 7 June and requested to understand what the situation was at that date and why this item couldn't be reported to that meeting. Mr Chris Munday noted that at that stage the Council had not been notified of the possible termination of the contract by the provider. He stated that the contract should have been in the procurement forward plan enabling action to be taken without Urgency committee. The Chairman thanked Mr Munday for his response and asked how confident Officers were in completing the exercise with the service provided. Mr Munday stated that Officers were working hard towards that and subject to the decision of this Committee Officers would then be able to take the matter forward at pace.

Members noted that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of Children Education and Safeguarding Committee on 13 September.

Before Members considered the report's recommendations Councillor Barry Rawlings noted that heads of service should check all contract end dates and ensure they are in their procurement forward plans. The Chairman agreed and said he will ask the Chief Executive to investigate this.

Having considered the report the Urgency Committee:

Resolved:

1. That Urgency Committee agreed to jointly procure the Integrated Therapies Service with the CCG, as lead commissioner, through a Negotiated Procedure.
2. That Urgency Committee agreed to enter into a two year contract with the successful bidder and agrees to the Council's contribution of £583,905 for each of the two years.
3. That authority is delegated to the Executive Director for Children and Young People, in consultation with the Chairman of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee, to implement the decision.
4. That the exempt information be noted

6. ANY MATTERS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 12:07