	<p align="center">CHIEF OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DELEGATED POWERS REPORT</p>
<p align="center">Title</p>	<p align="center">Authorise the extension of a contract to Centre Point to deliver Supported Accommodation Services to Young People aged 16-21.</p>
<p align="center">Report of</p>	<p>Strategic Director of Children & Young People acting in consultation with the Chair of the Children, Education & Safeguarding Committee</p>
<p align="center">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p align="center">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p align="center">Enclosures</p>	<p>DPR to award</p>
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Summary

This report seeks approval to **extend** the Supported accommodation service contract which was awarded to Centre Point following a comprehensive tendering exercise for an additional 1 year.

Centre Point was awarded the Supported Accommodation services contract and commenced delivery on 1st April 2015 and has been providing this service for 3 years and there is an option to extend twice, each time for one additional year. The cost for the 2018-19 extension year has been agreed at £220,653.

The original contract expired 31st March 2018 and this extension runs to the 31st March 2019.

Decisions

1. To approve the option to extend for further one year at the end of 3 year term.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The current contract for the provision of supported accommodation services for young people aged 16-21 comes to an end on the 31st March 2018. In order to comply with the Barnet Contract procedure rules, whilst ensuring consistency of service and value for money, the service will need to be extended in line with the contract for an additional year.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 This service is accommodation based. The first year of the contract was challenging for the provider due to the changeover process required between providers. This included TUPE and the need to clarify the building's contractual obligations as the building is owned by third party.
- 2.2 A further 2 years have enabled LBB to develop a robust partnership with Centrepoint to achieve the desired outcomes for our young homeless people.
- 2.3 Centrepoint have delivered a good quality service that is responsive to the needs of young people. The staff are experienced in their field and there is a stable workforce to ensure continuity. The provider has developed good localised links with a number of different services to support young people to meet needs, become more independent and to gain access to employment and training opportunities.
- 2.4 A clear referral pathway has been created and Centrepoint have played a key role in its development and implementation to ensure that it is adhered to.
- 2.5 This 1 year will allow the service to reach full potential and allow further stability to the young people residing at the foyer.
- 2.6 It has been recognised that alternative similar accommodation is becoming extremely difficult to source locally.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 The services provided through this contract provide accommodation and support for vulnerable young people, ceasing this arrangement without extension would pose a risk to service users.
- 3.2 Alternative units of supported accommodation are not available locally at this time. Moving the young people from this stable home environment with established support would cause significant disruption to their lives and to their employment and education.
- 3.3 In addition this would cause a risk to LBB as explained above.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Following approval of this report, the contract will be extended to the existing provider to commence on 1st April 2018.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee (CELS) Commissioning Plan 2015-2020 sets out proposals to address challenges, reshape services, and to deliver savings for services within the Committee area over the next five years. These include:

- Alternative ways to deliver services, in partnership with other organisations and residents
- Narrowing the gap and targeting support to those that need it
- Greater personalisation, choice and control over services
- Focus of efficiency, effectiveness and impact

- 5.1.2 Prevents young people from NEET and creates opportunities for better life chances.

- 5.1.3 These services are needed as part of preventative and early intervention for Family Services for children and families.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 The funding is allocated from Youth Services budget. The cost for the Foyer contract 2018-19 £220,653 (£55,163 per quarter), which is within the annual budget of £243,200. This is an increase on the 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 cost of £160,412 per annum. This increase reflects the service costs and resources to support the needs of tenants in 2018-19 and in particular, the support required by Centrepont to help young people to manage finances and maintain tenancies. The total contract value plus this extension is therefore £ 701,889 over four years.

5.2.2 The supported accommodation is a block contract and provides a cost effective contract to the council. Value for money has been compared with financial benchmarking across West London.

5.2.3 The tender exercise which will be required in 2019 has resources implications and as this contract is performing well.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 This contract supports social value by supporting young people to access and maintain employment, education and training opportunities. The contract also enables young people to develop skills for transitioning to independence.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 Under Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Constitution, Contract Procedure Rules section 18, contracts that have been originally advertised with extension options and **which contain clear extension options can be extended subject to acceptance** under Article 10 Table B of the Constitution.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 Early identification, accurate needs assessment and effective interventions are key in supporting and empowering young people to ensure that they have the best possible start in adulthood.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies **to have due regard** to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
- foster good relations between people from different groups

5.5.1 Equalities data for young people using the Foyer can be used for equalities monitoring purposes.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 care leavers are a priority cohort for the Foyer to support through accommodation and key worker sessions. The Council has a statutory duty as a corporate parent to ensure that this group of young people have access to resources and support to enable them to achieve positive outcomes and transition to independence.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

Regular monitoring meetings occur at the foyer where service users views, complaints and surveys are discussed.

In addition LBB staff attend Centrepoint event days which gives opportunity to talk with the residents and get feedback on the services they receive.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None

Chairman: Councillor David Longstaff

Has been consulted

Signed

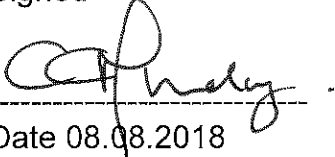
David Longstaff

Date 08.08.2018

Chief Officer: Chris Munday

Decision maker having taken into account the views of the Chairman

Signed



Date 08.08.2018