

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....16th July 2020

1. Title of Item/Report

Children's Services Progress Update: 2019/20 - Quarters 3 and 4 (October 2019 - March 2020) and Award of Planned Higher Value Contract

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a summary of performance across Children's Services for the second 6 months of 2019/20. Performance was based on the Children's Strategy priorities agreed by Cabinet in June 2017, and future reports would be appended to reports on Council Plan updates for 2020 onwards.

Of particular satisfaction to Cabinet was that the current rate of schools judged as good or better by Ofsted was: 96.7% primary (58/60); 76.9% secondary (10/13). Overall 97.5% of primary and 86.3% of secondary pupils attended good or better schools. This was an improvement for primary and placed Stockton as first in the NE region. Performance on secondary also placed us first in the region for the % of pupils attending a good or better school.

The Constitution defined a range of decisions requiring Cabinet approval, the financial threshold for which was set at a level of £500k or more. The report therefore also sought approval from Cabinet for the award of a planned higher value contract scheduled for 2020/21, where the value exceeds the limit on officer delegated authority (detailed at Annex 1) and which is funded within the approved MTFP.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Note the contents of the report.
2. Approves the contract listed in Annex 1 to the report.
3. Delegates authority to the relevant Director to make the specific contract award decisions and any subsequent contract variation and extension decisions in accordance with the delegations listed in Annex 1.

3. Reasons for the Decision

1.To enable Cabinet to have oversight of the progress in implementing the Children's Services strategy.

2.To enable Cabinet to exercise its strategic oversight of higher value planned procurement projects.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillors Bob Cook, Jim Beall and Steve Nelson each declared a personal non prejudicial interests in respect of this item as a result of being governors on School Governing bodies.

Councillor Jim Beall

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight Friday 24th July 2020

Proper Officer  
20 July 2020