

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	21 September 2016
Title:	Direct Award of Contract Relating to Learning Disability Services
Reference:	7718
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gives approval for contracts to be put in place via direct awards as set out in the report, and spend up to a maximum of £6 million for up to two years on the basis of 1+1 to commence on 31 October 2016.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. In February 2016, the County Council was served six months' notice on a number of social care contracts, providing care and support to up to 64 people with learning disabilities and associated complex needs, living in supported living arrangements in Hampshire.

2.2. The County Council has a statutory obligation to meet assessed eligible social care needs.

2.3. The County Council has been unable to procure appropriate care and support through the call off process using the Learning Disability and Shared Support Framework.

2.4. In the advent of an unsuccessful procurement through the Framework, the County Council would ordinarily run a full open tender to procure a new support provider. The notice period provided by the incumbent provider precludes a full open tender, and interim arrangements are required to ensure continuity of appropriate care and support and to enable the County Council to run a full open tender.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not awarding these contracts via Direct Award would result in service users not receiving appropriate care and support arrangements and the end of the

incumbent providers notice period. The service users concerned would be at immediate risk of critical harm.

3.2. A full open tender will take a minimum of nine months. This does not align with the notice period given by the provider, and the County Council has been unable to agree conditions for a further extension of current arrangements to facilitate this process.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

21 September 2016

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor Liz Fairhurst**