Delegated Decision Notice (DDN)

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

Decision type	☐ Key Decision	Significant		☐ Administrative		
		Operational Decision		Decision		
Approximate	☐ Below £500,000	below £25,000		☐ below £25,000		
value	£500,000 to £1,000,000	£25,000 to £100,000		£25,000 to £100,000		
	over £1,000,000	£100,000 to £500,000				
		Over £500,000				
Director ¹	Director of Strategy & Resources					
Contact person:	Libby Megson/Rachael Dea	arns	Telephone number: 0113 3789323			
Subject ² :	Apprenticeship Provider Framework change					
Decision	What decision has been taken?					
details ³ :	(Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call-in etc.)					
	The Director of Strategy & Resources gave approval to move from the Council's					
	Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for contracting apprenticeship training					
	provision to the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) Framework for					
	Apprenticeships and associated training.					
	This is a significant operational decision in order to be transparent to potential					
	suppliers regarding the change.					
	A brief statement of the reasons for the decision					
	(Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate)					
	The Employment & Skills team that currently manage the existing dynamic purchasing system have confirmed that they no longer have the capacity to manage this within their team going forward so an alternative solution has become necessary. Procurement and HR also do not have the capacity to operate the necessary work. The YPO framework has been deemed suitable for the provision of apprenticeship providers and is used by many of					
	our regional partners as such.					

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.
² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that

³ Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision Analysis of the alternative options available to us have identified that: Procurement skills and capacity within the Resourcing & Talent Management team in HR to retain an in-house procurement process is not available. Capacity to support this within the LCC Procurement team is also not available. Alternative national frameworks for Apprenticeship Training Provision have been identified and two potential options have been explored through indepth discussion. These are: Crown Commercial Services (CCS) and Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO). It was deemed YPO was most suitable and suited both current and future needs. Affected wards: None Details of **Executive Member** consultation undertaken4: Ward Councillors Chief Digital and Information Officer⁵ Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer⁶ Others Implementation Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation Rachael Dearns/Libby Megson. Some contracts expire with the DPS at the end of October 2023 so the need to progress for any new starts is imminent. However other contracts last until 2025. We will move across to the YPO framework over November and December for as many contracts as possible.

⁴ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

⁵ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CDIO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's use of digital technology

⁶ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CAMRO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's land and buildings.

List of	Date Added to List:-							
Forthcoming	If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is							
Key Decisions ⁷	impracticable to delay the decision							
	If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval							
	Signature		Date					
Publication of	If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason							
report ⁸	why not possible:							
	If published late relevant Executive member's approval							
	Signature Date							
Call-in	Is the decision available ⁹	☐ Yes		No				
	for call-in?							
	If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:							
Ammanual of	Authorized decision material							
Approval of	Authorised decision maker ¹⁰							
Decision	Director of Strategy & Resources – Mariana Pexton							
	Signature		Date 12/3/24					
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	Monte C.							

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only
⁸ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only
⁹ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call-in. Key decisions are always available for call-in unless they have been exempted from call-in under rule 5.1.3.
¹⁰ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.