

## Delegated Decision Notice (DDN)

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

<b>Decision type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision
<b>Approximate value</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000
<b>Director<sup>1</sup></b>	Director of Children & Families		
<b>Contact person:</b>	Howard Smith	Telephone number: 3785419	
<b>Subject<sup>2</sup>:</b>	Children's Rights & Advocacy (81596) - Contract Extension / Variation		
<b>Decision details<sup>3</sup>:</b>	<p>What decision has been taken?            (Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call-in etc.)</p> <p>The Director of Children &amp; Families approved the decision to extend the contract for Children's Rights &amp; Advocacy delivered by Barnardo's.</p>		
	<p>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)</p> <p>Due to current arrangements approaching expiry, the contract needs to be extended in order for the authority to continue delivering its statutory obligations in relation to Children's Rights &amp; Advocacy. The contract will be extended for twelve months in order that a review of the service can be undertaken to ensure continued strategic alignment and value for money. The cost of the extension will be £223,909.</p> <p>In addition the service model will vary slightly due to financial constraints. Barnardo's will continue to provide their service to those who are currently or about to become subject to a child protection plan who are aged 10 years and over (unless a child under the age of 10 is part of a sibling group with at least one sibling age 10 or over).</p>		

<sup>1</sup> Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

<sup>2</sup> 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 used in the list

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


	<p>The change to the model will be that previously they have accepted children under the age of 10 (which is over and above the contracted service offer). Due to the demand for this offer this level of support can no longer be sustained unless further funding is found in order to make this part of the ongoing commissioned offer.</p> <p>This decision is a Significant Operational Decision as a result of the Key Decision taken to award the contract with extension periods available and is consistent with CPR 21.3.</p>
	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>Due to the statutory nature of the service provided, it is essential the service continues whilst a review is undertaken to ensure continued strategic alignment and value for money.</p>
<b>Affected wards:</b>	N/A
<b>Details of consultation undertaken<sup>4</sup>:</b>	<p>Executive Member</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Chief Digital and Information Officer<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer<sup>6</sup></p> <p>Others</p>
<b>Implementation</b>	<p>Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation</p> <p>Howard Smith, Children &amp; Families Commissioning. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 for implementation.</p>
<b>List of Forthcoming Key Decisions<sup>7</sup></b>	<p>Date Added to List:-</p> <p><b>If Special Urgency or General Exception</b> a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision</p> <p><b>If Special Urgency</b> Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval</p> <p>Signature <span style="float: right;">Date</span></p>

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup> See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

<b>Publication of report<sup>8</sup></b>	If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible:	
	If published late relevant Executive member's approval Signature _____ Date _____	
<b>Call-in</b>	Is the decision available <sup>9</sup> for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>If exempt from call-in</b> , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:	
<b>Approval of Decision</b>	Authorised decision maker <sup>10</sup> Julie Longworth – Director of Children and Families	
	Signature 	Date: 24/4/24

<sup>8</sup> See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.