

Delegated Decision Notice

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

Decision type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision
Approximate value	<input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input checked="" 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 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
Director¹	Director of Children and Families		
Contact person:	Emma Belaid, Commissioning Manager	Telephone number: 0113 378 8922	
Subject²:	Cooperation Agreement for the Provision of Clinical Staff to the Therapeutic Social Work Team		
Decision details³:	<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 and Families gave approval to renew the Cooperation Agreement with Leeds Community Healthcare Trust (LCHT) under Regulation 12(7) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for a further 2-year and 10-month period from 1st June 2023 to 31st March 2026.</p> <p>The Cooperation Agreement is specifically for the provision of clinical psychology and speech and language therapy to the Therapeutic Social Work Team (TSWT). The staff to be provided are 1 x FTE Band 8a Clinical Psychologist, 1 x FTE Band 7 Clinical Psychologist (12-months initially with a view to extend subject to funding) and 0.2 x FTE Speech and Language Therapist.</p> <p>The total maximum value of the Cooperation Agreement is £561,343. There is an increase from the current arrangement from 0.8 x FTE to 1 x FTE for the Band 7 Clinical Psychologist due to increased demand as well as difficulties recruiting to a part-time post at this level (graduate). This increase has been funded through loss of a social work post to the TSWT.</p>		

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 used in the list

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

	<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>There is a Cooperation Agreement currently in place which has run for the last 3 years and works well. Two of the clinical staff are in post and well embedded within the TSWT, the Band 7 Clinical Psychologist post is currently vacant and it is hoped that the increased funding for this post will attract more candidates to the role.</p> <p>To have clinical staff embedded within the TSWT is supported by legislative and research papers (NICE 2015; NSPCC 2016; Department of Health and NHS England, 2015) and results in swifter access for children and young people to the services they require.</p> <p>Continuing with the provision of these staff to the TSWT supports the priorities outlined within the Leeds Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 (and also within the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2023-2028 as approved by Executive Board on 15th March 2023), continues our working together with the main organisations who help make a difference to the lives of children and young people in Leeds, and supports the Council's pillars of inclusive growth and health and wellbeing.</p>
	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>Only LCHT can sufficiently meet the Council's requirements for the provision of clinical staff to the TWST. Children & Families have held a contract with LCHT since 2015 for provision of clinical staff to the TSWT. A short-term contract was held with LCHT in 2018/19, followed by a Cooperation Agreement of 3 years to end May 2023. This Cooperation Agreement would serve as a continuation of these arrangements.</p>
Affected wards:	
Details of consultation	Executive Member

undertaken⁴:	Ward Councillors		
	Chief Digital and Information Officer ⁵		
	Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer ⁶		
	Others		
Implementation	Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation Emma Belaid, Commissioning Manager. The current arrangement ends on 31 st May 2023. It is hoped that by taking this decision at an earlier point LCHT can start the recruitment process and the TSWT can have the post filled as near to 1 st June 2023 as possible.		
List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁷	Date Added to List:- 2 nd March 2023		
	If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision		
	If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____		
Publication of report⁸	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 _____		
Call In	Is the decision available ⁹ for call-in?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:		

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.

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.

Approval of Decision	Authorised decision maker ¹⁰ Julie Longworth – Director of Children & Families	
	Signature 	Date 18/5/23

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