

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	12 July 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Children's Services Procurement - Approval to Spend
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) Approval to spend on the basis set out in the Children's Services Procurement Approval to Spend report dated 12 July 2018 is granted to utilise existing revenue and cost of change sources of funding for an IT social care case management system to support the work of the Children's Services Department to a total contract value of £4m over up to 15 years, commencing in early 2019.
- b) As identified in the 12 July 2018 Children's Services Capital programme update report ('the Capital Report'), that approval to spend of up to £0.35m (including fees) be approved from the 2018/19 Capital programme towards The capital improvements referred to in the Capital Report and this Report at the Hamble School Leisure Complex.
- c) That a contract is awarded by Hampshire County Council to a leisure operator to manage and operate the Hamble School Leisure Complex on the principal terms set out in this Report, and that delegated authority to finalise the detailed terms and conditions of that contract is delegated to the Director of Children's Services.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

IT Social Care Case Management System:

- 2.1 The current Swift contract arrangements expire on 30 April 2019 with the option of two further six month extensions however Swift is not considered a fit for purpose system for the future.
- 2.2 Market research undertaken recommends Children's Services undertake a procurement process for a Children's social care case management system. It is anticipated to deliver further efficiencies, largely around further reductions in administration support, reduced demand and therefore resource required at

the front door and additional capacity released for social workers. It will also include improving the transparency of the system through self service and providing greater evidence of the voice of the child and increased staff satisfaction levels which should result in improved recruitment and retention

Hamble School Leisure Complex:

- 2.3 The Complex has accrued a significant deficit and continues to make a loss
- 2.4 A tender process to engage a Leisure Operator to manage the complex has been undertaken
- 2.5 Capital investment to improve the complex is required.
- 2.6 All profit made will be aligned to reduce the current deficit and, together with an agreed contribution from the Hamble School, targets a full repayment within 15 years
- 2.7 The Council is working closely with Eastleigh Borough Council who fully support the retention and improvement of these facilities and have committed to ongoing support in regards to contract management

### **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

#### 3.1. IT Social Care Case Management System:

The current Swift contract arrangements expire on 30 April 2019 with the option of two further six month extensions however Swift is not considered a fit for purpose system for the future therefore a tender process will be undertaken.

#### 3.2. Hamble School Leisure Complex:

The Council also considered the alternative of closing the facility to avoid incurring further debt, however the Hamble School still requires a sports hall for curriculum use, and the facilities are integral to the community leisure offer promoted by Eastleigh Borough Council. Additionally Sport England provided significant grants towards these facilities which could be required to be paid back.

### **4. Conflicts of interest:**

#### 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

#### 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

### **5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel**

#### 5.1. None.

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent**

6.1. Not applicable.

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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12 July 2018

**Executive Member for Children's Services  
Councillor Keith Mans**