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DECISIONS OF THE DORSET COUNCIL - CABINET 3 SEPTEMBER 2019

The following decisions were made by Cabinet on 3 September 2019 and will come into force and may be implemented on 11 September 2019 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **10 September 2019.**

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234.

7 CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL PROVISION

Decision

- (i) That the Executive Director for People (Children) takes action, as outlined in the report to Cabinet of 3 September 2019, to increase the sufficiency of residential care for children in Dorset.
- (ii) Once options have been identified, the lead cabinet member for Children, Education and Early Help, in consultation with cabinet colleagues and corporate parenting board, be delegated powers to approve preferred sites.
- (iii) That consultation takes place with local residents and stakeholders about preferred sites.

Reason for Decision

For Dorset Council to make the best use of resources and securing the best outcomes, for children in care who require residential care.

8 LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN REDUCTION CASE FOR CHANGE

Decision

- (i) That the Executive Director for People (Children) will develop a strategy and detailed roadmap to reduce the number of children in care, taking a rights-based approach, which develops services to support children to be able to grow up in a family setting.
- (ii) That a further report be present to Cabinet in December 2019.

Reason for the Decision: The reduction of the number of children in care in Dorset would:-

1. Promote the rights of children
2. Improve the outcomes for children
3. Enable services to be sustainable

9 PROCUREMENTS OVER £5 MILLION IN RESPECT OF: HIGHWAYS CONTRACTOR RESOURCE

Decision

That the procurement and award of a Dorset Highways Contractor Resource (Labour Top-Up) Framework (re-procurement exercise) be approved.

Reason for the Decision

Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with a financial consequence of £500k or more, and procurements over £5m are subject to individual reports (Cabinet 04-06-19 refers).

The technical summary for reasons for the recommendation is as follows:

- The pre-agreed rates and contract conditions allows Dorset Highways to respond to changing demands / circumstances quickly and efficiently.
- The quick procured method - call off, is far quicker than the traditional quote, tender and mini-competition methods of procurement. This reduces administration and back office costs
- The multi supplier lots provide resilience if the preferred supplier cannot fulfil the call-off
- The multi supplier lots provide technical expertise in a variety of specialist areas
- The multi-supplier framework has worked for the last eight years.
- The organisation risk is LOW

10 PROCUREMENTS OVER £5 MILLION IN RESPECT OF: ELECTRICITY AND GAS

Decision

Defer

Reason for the Decision

To allow further detailed consideration and investigation on this important matter prior to a formal decision being made by Cabinet.

11 POLICY FOR THE AWARDING OF DISCRETIONARY RATES RELIEF TO CHARITIES AND NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

Decision

That the discretionary rate relief policy, as set out at Appendix 3 of the report of 3 September 2019, be adopted.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure that a consistent approach is taken in relation to the award of discretionary rates relief.

12 SUPERFAST BROADBAND - TO INVEST FUNDS, MADE UP FROM GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA) AND CONTRACT OUTTURNS

Decision

- (i) That authority be delegated to the lead member for Economic Growth & Skills in consultation with the lead member of Corporate Development & Change and the Executive Directors for Place and Corporate Development to approve Change Control(s) under the Superfast Dorset Phase 3 Ultrafast contract to incorporate

funding derived from the DEFRA Rural Broadband Infrastructure grant award, released from in life contractual changes and from current programme underspends into the existing contract, to the contracted maximum public funding contribution of £8.9m

- (ii) Note that the Change Control process requires that the proposal(s) from BT (Openreach) described above would be subject to central government assurance (Building Digital UK and Rural Payments Agency for DEFRA) and Dorset Council's own assurance (to include Superfast Dorset, Finance and Legal consultation) prior to seeking to enter into contract.
- (iii) Notes that the values presented within the report to Cabinet on 3 September 2019 were subject to finalisation within the contractual limits specified under recommendation (i) above.

Reason for the Decision

To further the Council's corporate plan focus on Enabling Economic Growth through maximising the level of external funding drawn into Dorset to extend the provision of superfast broadband services to rural areas.

Central government commissioned research suggests that a £1 investment in NGA broadband returns a £20 increase in GVA for the local economy.