


ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD – EXECUTIVE DECISION

1.	Decision:	That the community occupational therapy service and support be delivered directly through in-house provision (as set out in the accompanying report).
2.	Date above decision made:	17 th May 2023
3.	Reason(s) for the decision:	The existing external arrangements cease on 30 September 2023. Procurement exercises undertaken have resulted in no bids being made. Being ‘a provider of last resort’ ensures that the local authority discharges its statutory duty under the Care Act 2014 to ensure the provision of a community occupational therapy service and support.
4.	Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Go out to tender again based on the same funding envelope as nothing else is affordable – We would need to seek to extend the current contract further to enable this process to take place. There is also no guarantee that the outcome to the tender exercise would be any different.2. Go out to tender again with an increased budget – we do not believe this to be a viable option as ASC cannot provide the additional and knowing the current position for the council it is incredibly unlikely that additional funding can be found, again we would need to seek to extend the current contract further to enable this process to take place. There is also no guarantee that the outcome to the tender exercise would be any different.3. Discuss with incumbent provider further extending the contract or putting a new contract in place based on the current specification making some adjustment to the service level required and seeking to identify what can be delivered within the available

		budget – this is likely to result in reduced activity and longer waiting lists for assessment. We would be able to direct award the new contract but we are not in the strongest negotiating position and we also believe that the incumbent provider is unlikely to accept given their current national activity to move away from smaller contracts and their assertion at the start of the tender process that they would not be bidding for the new contract. We have also been made aware that the lead for this contract has recently been made redundant.
5.	Any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision:	None
6.	In respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service	None
7.	Report(s)/Background Papers:	Report of the Director of Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing
8.	Name and post of decision-maker	Laura Gaudion, Director of Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing
		
9.	Date of decision record:	19 th May 2023