

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD – EXECUTIVE DECISION

1.	Decision:	<p>To enter a minimum period of twelve months contract with Hampshire County Council for the provision of commissioned buy-back children's services as approved by Cabinet at their meeting of 14 September 2023.</p> <p>Children's Services Cabinet Report - Future Arrangements Decision - Children's Services - Future Arrangements - Isle of Wight Council</p>
2.	Date above decision made:	5 March 2024
3.	Reason(s) for the decision:	<p>The strategic partnership with Hampshire County Council for the leadership and management of Children's Services terminated on 31 January 2024. Cabinet resolved to the buy-back of specialist service support/provision where there was a cost-benefit to the council. This is to ensure continuity of service provision where this is not readily available to the Isle of Wight Council; would have taken a substantial amount of time to recommission, procure and mobilise in time for partnership exit or it is not cost effective for the council to establish new service provision. Contractual arrangements are all now concluded.</p>
4.	Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision:	<p>Options for alternative arrangements were considered by Cabinet at their meeting of 14 September 2023 and resolved to enter into a minimum twelve-month contractual arrangement for the provision of buy-back services which will be reviewed by the newly appointed Director of Children's Services during his tenure.</p>
5.	Any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision:	None identified.
6.	In respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service	N/A

7.	Report(s)/Background Papers:	Children's Services Cabinet Report - Future Arrangements Decision - Children's Services - Future Arrangements - Isle of Wight Council
8.	Name and post of decision-maker	Claire Shand Director of Corporate Services
9.	Date of decision record:	5 March 2024
	Signature:	