

Urgent Cabinet Report/Delegated Decision Form

Report/Decision Title	Ofsted Registered 16-17 Supported Accommodation Provision/s DP 447 - In accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules 3.9: Commence a Procurement Process
Date of request	11 th November 2025
Date of meeting/decision	18 th November 2025

Urgent – General Exception - Reasons for urgency outlined below

The award is urgent to ensure that we meet the deadline in our procurement timetable to allow time for TUPE and to not have a gap in service provision (deemed illegal services by Ofsted) between existing providers delivering the current service and new providers who may be successful.

A forward plan entry and commence a process DP were signed off in February 2025, however a week before we are to publish the tender opportunity Middlesbrough Council are now being named on the procurement and following consultation with the market the term was increased from 5 to 7 years the scope and value have changed so that it doesn't fit within the bounds of the original decision.

I confirm that the relevant chair of Scrutiny and Improvement Committee (or if there is not chair, the whole committee individually) and the Cabinet Member have been informed by notice in writing of the decision to be taken.

Officer name (Delegated Power Author)	Andrew Hames	Officer Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	08.11.2025
Assistant Director Name	Victoria Wilson	Assistant Director signature	[REDACTED]	Date	10.11.2025

This urgent report/decision has been seen and agreed by the following:

Officer / Member	Signature
Managing Director	[REDACTED]
Section 151 Officer	[REDACTED]
Monitoring Officer	[REDACTED]

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

Reference	CF-25-065
Corporate Plan Priority	Start Life Well
Delegation Title	Ofsted Registered Supported Accommodation Provision/s
Delegated Power Number	DP 447 - In accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules 3.9: Commence a Procurement Process
Date of Exercise	18/11/25
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Victoria Wilson

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Key - Executive
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	urgency rules to be applied
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	11 November 2025 To be completed by Democratic Services
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Urgent - General Exception - Forms Attached

Background to decision:

There is a requirement for Ofsted Registered 16–17-year-old Supported Accommodation within Redcar and Cleveland to meet our statutory needs for 16-17 young people who are not in a Childrens Residential home or a Fostering Placement. This procurement will both bring together existing provision under a contract/pseudo-framework and support the increase for Redcar and Cleveland Council's accommodation offer to help meet our sufficiency needs for 16–17-year-old children in our care including separated migrant children. An increase in local provision for local children will also prevent children moving out of area and maintain children close to family and friends.

Redcar and Cleveland are the lead authority with Middlesbrough Council named on the tender as a further authority who may also use the pseudo-framework element of the contract. This request is to commence a procurement process.

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<p>Decision Considerations:</p> <p>Council's Contract Procedure Rules have been reviewed. The proposed procurement route would be through a competitive Light Touch procurement process to the open market.</p> <p>Supplier Checks will be undertaken as part of the procurement process.</p> <p>Contract terms and conditions will be agreed with Legal Services</p>	
<p>Full details of decision:</p> <p>Approval is requested to commence a procurement process to enter into individual contracts for up to 21 beds and spot purchase (we will only pay if we place) Framework Agreements for Ofsted registered 16–17-year-old Supported Accommodation services.</p> <p>The proposed term would be for 5 years commencing 1st April 2026 (or within a 6-month period subject to procurement time scales) with an optional extension period of 2 further years (this is following feedback received in the market engagement process).</p>	
<p>Financial detail:</p> <p>This procurement is to provide high quality local provision 16-17 supported living accommodation registered with Ofsted . Due to the procurement being a competitive tender, it is anticipated to see a reduction in spend from higher cost placements.</p> <p>Services are for 16-17 children in our care funded from existing budgets and separated migrant children who will be funded from Home Office Income.</p>	
Budget Code	11363 Supported Accommodation budget 11239 UASC Budget
Is budget available for full contract/service without causing additional pressure?	Yes, along with Home Office Income
Annual Contract Value Total Contract Value (including optional extension periods if applicable)	Up to £6.05million pa for MBC and RCBC [Up to £2.24million pa for RCBC] Up to £42.35 million over 7 years for MBC and RCBC [RCBC contract value up to £17.15 million over 7 years.]
<p>Delivering Social Value:</p> <p>As part of the procurement process at point of tender, Providers will be requested to sign up to the Council's Social Value Charter and demonstrate how they will actively contribute to the delivery of Redcar and Cleveland Social Value principles.</p>	

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Reasons for Decision:

For the Council to meet its outcomes for Children and Young People and to meet Redcar and Cleveland Council accommodation sufficiency for children in our care to comply with section 20 and section 31 of the Children Act 1989.

This service will address the current gap of Ofsted registered supported living services for 16–17-year-olds within Redcar and Cleveland.

To support the council to meet its outcomes for Children and Young People we must look to continue our work in partnership with external providers to increase local sufficiency who have the skills and experience to deliver and operate Ofsted registered supported accommodation services.

The services will allow children and young people to remain in their locality, access local support services and amenities, maintain contact with family members, maintain their identity and plan appropriately for their transition to leave care.

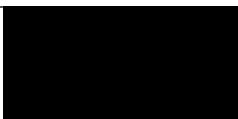
Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

1. Use In house provision - There is currently no in house Ofsted Registered Supported Accommodation provision available.
2. Remain as is - We currently have some provisions under a direct award and others on a Spot purchase - due to the value of the services we are not be able to continue in this way as we would be breaching procurement rules.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:

Background Papers:

Officer Name (Print)	Emma Bainbridge
Officer Signature	
Officer Submission Date	8 th November 2025
Procurement Officer Name (Print)	Nicola Walker

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Procurement Approval Signature	[REDACTED]	Decision complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules
Date of Approval	10/11/2025	
Finance Manager Name (Print)	Elaine Laird	
Finance Approval Signature	[REDACTED]	Finance Manager to confirm that budget approved for the decision
Date of Approval	10/11/2025	

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Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	urgency rules to be applied
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Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN [REDACTED]	Date 17/11/2025
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER [REDACTED]	Date 11/11/2025
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER [REDACTED]	Date 10/11/2025
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES [REDACTED]	Date 13/11/2025

Call-In (Key Decisions Only)

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Call-In to be dis-applied due to urgency, reasons as follows:

To meet the tender timetable award date with sufficient time to allow for TUPE consultation so as not to have a gap in provision deemed as illegal services by Ofsted.

Date Decision will become effective	18 November 2025 To be completed by Democratic Services – date will be not less than expiry of 5 working days from publication unless urgency applies.
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