



## Operational Officer Decision Record

Where the decision has a financial value of between £100k - £350k and does not have a **significant** impact on two or more wards

**1. Subject and details of the matter** (to include reasons for the decision and detail of any previous cabinet decision)

Approval is sought to extend the current Children's Social Care Case Management System contract with SystemC Healthcare Limited (supplier of Liquidlogic) for a maximum of 18 months.

The whole life value of the extension is £172k.

The extension allows the Council time to undertake a competitive procurement exercise for the Childrens Services Platform and provide sufficient time to implement any subsequent changes to ensure service continuity.

**2. Decision being taken**

That the Executive Director Place and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets approves the extension of the Children's Social Care Case Management System contract for a maximum of 18 months and thereafter awards, mobilises and implements arrangements, dealing with any ancillary matters reasonably arising.

**3. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits**

The Children's Social Care Case Management System contract is extended for a maximum of 18 months, and a procurement exercise is commenced for the

replacement application. Separate approvals will be sought to undertake the procurement and award any subsequent contract.

**4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision**

Not extending the contract. This would pose a significant strain on Children's Services as it may result in incurring excessive costs to extend the contract at a later date or operate without a Children's Social Care Case Management System, which is not feasible.

**5. Background documents considered** (web link to be included or copies of documents for publishing)

[14.-Cabinet-Report-Children-Services-Case-Management-PlatformPDF-113KBicon-namepaperclip-prefixfa.pdf \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

**6. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons.**

No

**7. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)**

No conflicts of interest have been identified.

**8. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)**

The need for continuity around such provision is clear, albeit pending a procurement of provision in the future. The matter of extending is one of contract, the principle of which is permitted within the auspices of the Council's internal Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contracts Regulations.

**9. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)**

As outlined above, the extension will allow the Council to undertake a competitive procurement exercise for the Childrens Services Platform and provide sufficient time to implement any subsequent changes to ensure service continuity. The cost will be met from approved budget provision.

#### **10. Human Resource Comments (Head of People and Culture or nominee)**

There are no direct HR implications arising from the contents of this report.

#### **11. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)**

Without a Children's Social Care Case Management System, there is a risk the Council would not be able to meet its duties in providing a statutory service to the Children and Young People of North East Lincolnshire.

This extension allows time for a competitive procurement exercise to be undertaken and a contract for a Children's Services Platform to be awarded.

#### **12. If the decision links to a previous one taken by Cabinet, has the Cabinet Tracker been updated?**

Not applicable

#### **13. Decision Maker(s):**

Name: Sharon Wroot

Title: Executive Director Place and Resources

Signed: REDACTED

Dated:28.06.23

**14. Consultation carried out with  
Portfolio Holder(s):**

Name: Cllr S Harness

Title: Portfolio Holder for Finance,  
Resources and Assets

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023