

OFFICER DELEGATION**Bill****TO BE UPLOADED TO THE E-MEETINGS MANAGER**

Date: 10/06/2020	Ref No: CS 620
Type of Operational Decision:	
Executive Decision <input type="checkbox"/>	Council Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Status: Non Key	
Title/Subject matter:	
Continuation for the SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) with Barnardos	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance – Is the decision:	
(i) within an Approved Budget	Yes
(ii) not in conflict with Council Policy	No
(iii) not raising new issues of Policy	No
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No

Details of Operational Decision Taken [with reasons]:

1. The Children and Families Act 2014 requires Local Authorities (LAs) to provide children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities and their parents with information and advice about matters relating to their SEN or disabilities, including matters relating to health and social care.
2. Since April 2018 Barnardos has been contracted to provide and IASS service for Bury. The current value of the contract is £89,500 over 2 years (£44,750 per year), up to March 2020 and a further sum of £44,750 if the Contract is extended at the Council's option for a further year.
3. The contract was extended for the period 1st April – 30th September '20 on 30th January '20 whilst discussions took place with regards to the potential for a Greater Manchester commission.
4. As a result of the Covid 19 situation, discussion have not been completed with regards to this and due to the timeframes, we are recommending that the current IASS contract is extended for a further six month period – 1st October 2020 – 31st March 2021. Conversations will continue through the GM SEN Board and opportunities for a joint commission with Rochdale LA from 1st April '21 will be explored further.
5. A full tender exercise will need to be undertaken for IASS provision from 1st April '21 as original approval does not extend beyond this date.
6. The cost of a six month extension to the existing contract is £22,375. Payments to continue to be paid quarterly at points of review with Barnardos.

Decision Required

Agree to the extension of the IASS Service contract with Barnardos for a six month period. 1st October '20 – 31st March 2021

Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:
Director or Chief/Senior Officer	<i>Karen Dolton</i>	23/6/20
Members Consulted [see note 1 below]		
Cabinet Member/Chair		
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. It is not generally a requirement to consult with any Members on Operational Decisions but where a Chief Officer considers it necessary to consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member and/or Lead Member, they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained to confirm that he/she has been consulted.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**

