

OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME RECORD OF DECISION

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Date: 26.05.2023	Ref No: CS821
Responsible Officer: Sandra Bruce	
Type of Decision (please refer to MO Guidance):	
Key <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Freedom of Information Status: <i>(can the report go in the public domain)</i> Yes	
Title/Subject matter: Agreement to appoint ABM (Lancashire) Ltd to complete the renovation works to Bury East Spoke (Redvales) Children's Centre to create a Family Hub, following a successful tender exercise (22309).	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	No
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	No
(iv) Is the decision significant and/or does it meet the £100,000 threshold for recording?	Yes
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 - The project aims to positively improve accessibility of the building, including providing adult changing facilities and make it more accessible to people with SEND. The project also aims to make the building and services more widely accessible East Bury residents, by extending the support offered and adapting services to meet local need.

Summary:

Bury Council and partners are currently in the process of developing and piloting the Family Hub Model in Bury. This is part of the Government's focus to support authorities to develop Family Hubs and provide services to children and young people aged 0-19 or 25 with SEND, parents, carers and families.

The development of Family Hub's is one of the priorities of The Children's Partnership and the Council, as it is key enabler to being able to deliver the Children and Young People's Plan, Bury Early Help Strategy, the Let's Do It 2030 Strategy and support the borough's Public Service Reform ambitions.

It was agreed in 2021 by strategic partners to pilot the family hub model and develop a physical Family Hub in East Bury, aligning to the [Government's Family Hub's and Start For Life Programme](#) , using existing resource.

Having a physical Family Hub is clearly set out in the Family Hub Programme and is critical to being able to deliver the family model. The hub will bring together different services and partners to operate out of one building, local to where people live and come together to support families in neighbourhoods.

Following a mapping and feasibility exercise to look at potential building, Bury East Spoke (Redvales) Children's Centre was identified as the most appropriate building to adapt and create agile work and service delivery spaces. Discussions then took place with staff currently based at the building, young people, SEND Organisations and potential partners that would be using the building and proposals were drawn up.

The changes and adaptations will be made using a proportion of the Supporting Families grant monies which can be directed to develop infrastructure to deliver against the Family Hub, Supporting Families agenda and maturing the Early Help, system.

The detailed proposals to adapt the building to make it more agile and accessible were published on the CHEST (project number: 22309) on 26th April 2023 and closed on Monday 22nd May 2023. Tenders were advertised on The Chest on an 'open tender' basis, by means of an invitation for expressions of interest and subsequent tender submissions.

1 bid was received as part of the exercise from ABM (Lancashire) Ltd and arithmetical checks were undertaken to ABM's tender submission which resulted in no issues or errors. Bury Council's Architectural Services also advised that ABM have a proven track record of working satisfactorily with the council on similar projects of similar size and complexity to this project.

Following a full tender process, it is recommended to agree to appoint ABM (Lancashire) Ltd to complete the worked set out in tender 22309.

Wards affected: Redvales Ward

Consultations:

Informal consultation and discussions have taken place with the current tenants of the building, current staff based at the building and wider partners that use or will potentially be using the building to work or deliver services.

Scrutiny & Review Committee Interest: Childrens scrutiny is aware of the direction and reporting against the plan and delivery will be agenda'd as required



Options considered:


The Family Hub Programme Board considered various options and buildings in East Bury, however other building in public ownership were either currently occupied by other services or required significant investment outside of the current infrastructure budget for the pilot. It was agreed by the board that Bury East Spoke would be most appropriate as it has already been used for multi-agency working, it can be easily adapted, it has a nursery and community organisation attached and it is embedded within a residential area but is close to Bury Town Centre for public transport.

Decision *[with reasons]*

To appoint ABM (Lancashire) Ltd to complete the renovation works to Bury East Spoke (Redvales) Children's Centre to create a Family Hub, following a successful tender exercise (22309).

The Family Hub will be used to deliver the Government's Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme, Bury Early Help Strategy, Bury Children and Young People's Plan and the borough's public service reform ambitions within the LET's Do It Strategy.

Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Executive Director Jeanette Richards		31/05/23
S151 Officer Sam Evans		4/6/23
Members Consulted <i>[see note 1 below]</i>		

Lead Member		05/06/23
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet 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 if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**
3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.