

Delegated Decision Report

Subject:	Schools Workforce Training and Development Support for NQTs and Governance
Decision to be taken by:	Title: Director of Children's Services Name: Michael Jarrett
Lead Director:	Director of Children's Services Director name: Michael Jarrett
Date of Decision:	1 February 2022
Reason for Urgency:	To confirm the extension to the above contract to 31 May 2023 as per the original contract details
Scrutiny Consultation:	N/A
Lead Officer:	Group Head Learning and Improvement Officer name; Andy Timmins

1 Recommendations


1.1 That approval be given to: extend this contract as per the original agreement by 12 months.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

2.1 Contract has been carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in the detail of the agreement; monitoring of the service provided has been undertaken and has confirmed the quality of the service; there is no suitable alternative to provide this service in the short term.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan

	Best start in life for children and young people
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4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The original contract was drawn up and agreed in 2019 with SIPS Education Ltd for the sum of £300,000 for three (3) years with the option to extend the contract to four (4) years for an additional £100,000 (1 June 2019 to 31 May 2022/23).
- 4.2 There are statutory implications for the council if these support packages are not in place both for governance and for the support of ECTs (NQTs). It is therefore recommended that the extension of this contract award is approved to ensure that our schools receive the necessary support needed to ensure that our children are to have the best possible start in life and a high-quality education throughout their school careers.
- 4.3. The current service provider, Sandwell SIPS Ltd has provided a good quality service over the past three years and approval of the extension of contract would ensure continuity to the service that is delivered to schools

5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 There are no alternative options as there is insufficient capacity within the Local Authority to carry out this work.



6 Implications

<p>Resources:</p>	<p>There is insufficient capacity within the Council to deliver these packages of support to ECTs (NQTs) and Governors.</p> <p>The tendered cost of the contract was set at £100,000 per annum for three (3) years with an option to extend this contract for a further one (1) year period (1 June 2019 to 31 May 2022/23).</p> <p>The successful tenderer has demonstrated that they are able to deliver this service within the constraints of the current budget.</p>
<p>Legal and Governance:</p>	<p>An EU compliant procurement process was previously conducted in accordance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015.</p> <p>Legal Services were consulted prior to issue of tender documentation.</p>
<p>Risk:</p>	<p>The corporate risk management strategy has been complied with to identify and assess the risks associated with the decisions being sought. This has concluded that there are no significant risks to report. Suitable measures are in place to ensure the contract is effectively monitored to ensure it delivers the required services.</p>
<p>Equality:</p>	<p>Clauses contained within the tender documentation requiring compliance with all Acts and Codes of Practice applicable for equality and diversity have been included.</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing:</p>	<p>Council Ambition 4 aspires to provide children with the best start in life with high quality education throughout the school career. In order to achieve this ambition they require outstanding support from their teachers.</p>



	<p>The purpose of this service is to ensure that teachers and governors within Sandwell have the best possible support to deliver this ambition.</p> <p>The quality evaluation questions within the tender document were specifically designed to evaluate tenderers ability to provide a high quality service which contributes to the Council's Vision 2030 ambitions.</p>
Social Value	Sandwell SIPS Ltd are based within Sandwell and their appointment will ensure that employment and the local economy continues to be supported.

7. Appendices

None

8. Background Papers

None

In accordance with the authority delegated to Chief Officers to act on matters within the authority delegated to them under Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, I intend to take the action(s) recommended above.

I ~~do~~/do not have an interest to declare in this matter

Director: Michael Jarrett, Director of Children & Education

Date: 2.2.22

