

Salford City Council - Record of Decision

I, Councillor John Warmisham, Lead Member for Children's Services, can confirm that, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Paragraph J(a)(i) of the Scheme of Delegation of the Council, do hereby approve:

A six month contract extension to Spurgeons for the continued provision of Silver Street six bed Residential home.

The Reasons are that due to a recent increase in looked after numbers, at a time when we have seen other unit closures resulting in a loss of bed availability, means that a review of future requirements is needed. The timeframe for such a review, coupled with the timescale that would be required to decommission Silver Street, will need the current agreement, due to expire 30 September 2010 to be extended for a period of six months.

Options considered and rejected were not to extend the agreement and place the current residents in alternative outside placements.

Assessment of Risk - High - The implications of not extending the contract would be the need to place the children & young people in outside placements. This may result in additional costs, disruption to their education provision and significant personal disruption to the young person.

The source of funding is – Current budget provision

Legal Advice obtained – N/A

Financial Advice supplied by Dave Cope, Assistant Group Accountant

The following documents have been used to assist the decision process.

Lead Member Briefings & Forward Plan

(The relevant documents contain exempt or confidential information and are not available for public inspection)

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* This matter is also subject to consideration by the Lead Member for Customer and Support Services and, accordingly, has been referred for a decision.

* The appropriate Scrutiny Committee to call-in the decision is the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

S. P. Warmistoun

Signed

Dated: 19th March, 2010

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This decision will come in force on ~~April 2010~~ unless it is called-in in accordance with the Decision Making Process Rules.