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WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

Variation of Early Help Commissioned Services Contracts (Parenting and Family Support)

Date Of Decision	1 st February 2018
Decision Maker	Mr A Roberts, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families
Brief Description Of Decision	<p>The Cabinet Member</p> <p>(a) noted the background and information relating to Parenting and Family Support contracts including the consultation with Public Health as a funding stakeholder, and the proposal to vary those contracts, contained in the report;</p> <p>(b) authorised the variation of the three Parenting and Family Support contracts in order to bring Targeted Family Support services under the direct delivery of the Council's children's safeguarding services;</p> <p>(c) authorised the Director of Children, Families and Communities to take all necessary steps to implement the above variation.</p>
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>As set out in the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This provision forms part of the Council's Early Help Offer and delivers support to families where children and young people have complex or escalating needs. They may have difficulties across more than one area of their lives and are likely to require some extra support from more than one agency.• Ofsted and the DfE Commissioner have advised that Targeted Family Support should be aligned more closely to locality safeguarding services with a more effective 'step up, step down' process in place.• In order to best prepare for an Alternative Delivery Model for Children's Social Care it is now appropriate

	<p>to bring forward the planned creation of a county wide Targeted Family Support service by bringing the commissioned family support services under the direct management of the Council prior to the planned end of the contracts in March 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to implement this decision a variation of the three Parenting and Family Support contracts to remove the provision of Targeted Family Support services from those contracts is necessary
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	The option to continue the contracts until the current end of the contract period (2019) and then bring the provision under the direct management of the County Council is rejected as this would increase the risks of delay in improving the effectiveness of early help and add risk to a smooth transition of services to the ADM.
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	None
Signature of Decision Maker	Mr A Roberts