

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date Of Decision	29 December 2016
Decision Maker	Catherine Driscoll – Director of Children, Families and Communities
Brief Description Of Decision	The Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families, has approved proposals to fund the Worcestershire NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service to deliver temporary specialist SALT interventions to the pre-school age children identified in Wychavon and Malvern until an alternative Early Years Specialist Language provider is identified.
Reason(s) For Decision	In February 2016, the County Council invited bids from organisations to deliver Early Years Specialist Language provision for a period of three years from September 2016 in each district. This tender included an increased funding rate and contract length of 3 years. The tender exercise identified providers for the districts of Redditch and Worcester. The Council then entered into negotiations with providers to attempt to identify successful providers for the other districts. The negotiations identified providers for the districts of Bromsgrove and Wyre Forest. The NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service then sent a proposal to the Council to offer an outreach specialist service to pre-school age children in Wychavon and Malvern until an alternative provider was identified.
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	The Council has offered two opportunities to organisations to tender to deliver Early Years Specialist Language provision, based in each district of the county. No providers have been identified for the districts of Wychavon or Malvern on these occasions.
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any	None.

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