

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	Worcestershire Children First - Contract Options
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Simon Geraghty (Chairman), Marc Bayliss, Adrian Hardman, Marcus Hart, Adam Kent, Steve Mackay, Karen May, Richard Morris, Tracey Onslow, and Mike Rouse.
Date of Decision:	10 January 2024
Purpose:	To consider whether to extend its contract with Worcestershire Children First for a further period of anything up to five years from 1 October 2024, or for the contract to end at that date.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet approved:</p> <p>a) Not to extend the contract with Worcestershire Children First beyond September 2024 when the contract is currently due to end after the initial five-year term and:</p> <p>b) Subject to this approval, authorises the Chief Executive and the Director of Childrens Services, in consultation with the relevant statutory officers, to take appropriate steps on behalf of the council to progress the recommended approach.</p>
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report.
Alternative Options Considered:	To extend the contract with Worcestershire Children First for a further period of anything up to five years from 1 October 2024.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	Cllr Marcus Hart declared an interest as a Non-Executive Director on the WCF Board in a non-remunerated role.
Date the decision is due to take effect:	17 January 2024

HAZEL BEST, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE