

Record of individual Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Helen Pighills
Key decision?	Yes
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	31/08/2021
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Jaffa Holland Housing Advice Team Leader
Officer contact details	Tel: 01235 422459 Email: Jaffa.holland@southandvale.gov.uk
Decision	To award the support contract for families accommodated under the UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) to Connection Support. The contract will be fully funded by central Government from funding available under UKRS.
Reasons for decision	On the 4 October 2019 Vale of White Horse District Cabinet pledged to resettle three families under UKRS. The government temporarily paused the scheme due to Covid19 however it is now operational again. UKRS resettles vulnerable refugee families in the UK. The families will require specialist support to help them settle successfully in South Oxfordshire. The specialist support is best provided by organisations with experience of supporting refugee families in the UK. In accordance with Contract Procedure Rules, an open invitation to tender for the contract was issued via the South East Business portal. Three tender submissions were received. Officers evaluated the tender submissions and evaluated on a 60 per cent price and 40 per cent quality award criteria basis.

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Alternative options rejected	<p data-bbox="571 1294 746 1330">Option One:</p> <p data-bbox="571 1366 1426 1435">That the council directly employs staff to provide support for the families.</p> <p data-bbox="571 1471 1394 1583">This option was rejected as the council does not have the experience or resources to train, support and manage employees to successfully support families under UKRS.</p> <p data-bbox="571 1619 746 1655">Option Two:</p> <p data-bbox="571 1659 1385 1771">Do nothing – this was rejected as the council has already pledged to resettle three families under UKRS and the government funding has been approved.</p>												
Climate and ecological implications	<p data-bbox="571 1812 1449 1881">There are no climate or ecological implications from awarding the UKRS support contract to Connection Support.</p>												
Legal implications	<p data-bbox="571 1924 1426 2036">The councils standard service contract has been amended by the legal team to reflect the requirements included within the specification and tender documentation.</p>												

	<p>Legal have been instructed to formalise the contract with the winning provider and obtain the necessary signatures.</p> <p>COMMENCEMENT OF CONTRACT</p> <p>As per the council's CPR (para 29) No works, services or supplies shall be commenced until a contract has been completed or an order has been issued to the contractor unless the head of service approves otherwise.</p>			
Financial implications	<p>The total value of the two-year joint contract is £141,847.22.</p> <p>The contract is shared with South Oxfordshire District Council. South Oxfordshire District Council are also resettling three families under UKRS and the contract value is split 50/50 between the councils.</p> <p>There are no financial implications from awarding the contract as it will be fully funded by central Government through the UK Resettlement Scheme.</p>			
Other implications	None			
Background papers considered	Cabinet Report dated 4 October 2019.			
Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?	None			
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Ward councillors	N/A		
	Legal	Barry Newson	Agreed but because one of the bids was rejected for lack of evidence of insurance cover/confirmation that insurance would be in place at commencement of the contract, evidence of cover should be provided by the successful bidder prior to formally awarding the contract. A data sharing agreement has been prepared after consultation with Information Governance and Data Protection Officer.	26/07/2021
	Finance	Emma Creed	Agreed	28/07/2021
	Procurement	Angela Cox	Agreed	23/07/2021
	Human resources	N/A		
	Business Risk	Yvonne	This approach helps reduce	11/08/2021

		Cutler Greaves	the councils' liabilities in not being skilled and experienced to manage the needs of these families and therefore providing a more favourable outcome for them through the support of a more experienced organisation	
	Diversity and equality	Lynne Mitchell	Agreed	26/07/2021
	Climate and biodiversity	N/A		
	Communications	Lucy Billen	Agreed	23/07/2021
	GDPR	Sandy Bayley	The data sharing with appointed contractor will need to be detailed within the contract and added to the RoPA for housing.	
	Senior Management Team	SMT	Agreed subject to minor text amendments (now amended)	08/08/2021
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No			
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?	No			
Has this been discussed by Cabinet members?	Yes			
Cabinet portfolio holder's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature Helen Pighills Date 30 August 2021			

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