


CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	Gloucestershire County Council
KEY DECISION not published in the Forward Plan	
<p>The following key decision will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Children & Families because the decision is urgent and it has not been possible to publish details about the key decision in the Forward Plan.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Decision to vary the terms of the council's proposed arrangements with the local authority owned and controlled Regional Adoption Agency known as Adoption West.</p>	
<p><u>Reason for invoking general exception procedures</u></p>	
<p>In March 2017 the Cabinet gave authority to council officers, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to establish the Adoption West Regional Adoption Agency (RAA). The decision also included an authority to award a contract for the delivery of adoption services to Adoption West RAA for 2 years with an option to extend for a further year. Gloucestershire has been working with its partner authorities to ensure that Adoption West can commence on a sound footing in order to ensure continuity of services for children and families. As a result of such work, the term of the proposed contract being awarded has increased in length to a 3 year agreement with an option to extend for a further period of 5 years. It is intended that the council's continued participation in Adoption West RAA will run concurrently with the term of the said contract. This represents a change to Cabinet's March 2017 decision and therefore requires further Cabinet approval. In addition, the decision will also confirm the authority for the Director of Children's Services to take all necessary steps and execute all necessary documentation to implement the above-mentioned Cabinet Decision of March 2017 as varied by the proposals set out herein and to appoint council officers to a range of statutory roles and offices in Adoption West RAA. A start date of 1 March 2019 has recently been agreed and the necessary measures are in now place to ensure this can be delivered.</p> <p>As there is no Cabinet meeting scheduled in February and in order to achieve a decision ahead of the 1 March 2019 deadline, the 'general exception rule' is to be applied.</p>	
<p>Signed:</p>	 6/2/19.
<p>Peter Bungard (Chief Executive)</p>	

Information given to:

Cllr Brian Robinson

Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Management Committee on:

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