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Subject: Extension of the Independent Advocacy contract for 2 months, with the option to extend for a further month if required

(Please use the same title as provided in the Forward Plan)

Staff Contact: Shanie Hutton

Executive Member: Colette Wyatt-Lowe

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Portfolio: Adult Care and Health

1. **Decision**

Extension of existing Independent Advocacy Service for 2 months but with the option to extend for 3 if required.

2. **Reasons for the decision**

There were delays with the award of the new advocacy contracts due to a challenge and having to re-issue documents/restart the standstill period.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected ²**

A reduced mobilisation period would not have been in line with Compact guidance and an extension was Legal's preferred option.

4. **Consultation**

(a) **Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4}**
No comment

(b) **Comments of other consultees ⁵**
No comment

5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: 

Title: Assistant Director, Adult Care Commissioning Date: 28.6.18

6. **Copies of agreed document to:**

- All consultees

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- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on Hertsdirect) Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.

¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.