

Record of Decision

Careers South West Group Ltd Reforming Group Governance and Operations to Meet Future Need

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 01 October 2019

Decision

- (i) that the proposed governance and operational changes outlined in the submitted report for Careers South West Group Ltd, seeking to achieve Teckal compliant status for the Company from July 2020 be approved; and
- (ii) that the Director of Corporate Services be given delegated authority to agree associated changes to the company, in conjunction with partner authorities within the Peninsula Council group.

Reason for the Decision

The Transitions Contract is currently due to expire in July 2020, having been extended as far as legally permissible. Given the value of the Contract involved, Commissioners would be required to openly re-procure the Contract over the Autumn. Career South West (CSW) would be able to compete alongside all other parties for the Contract, but there can be no guarantees over their success.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on Monday, 14 October 2019 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Career South West (CSW_ Group Ltd ('CSW / The Company') is a wholly owned company of the Peninsula Group of Councils (Devon, Plymouth, Torbay and Cornwall). It currently provides the authorities' shared Post 16 Transition Service, as well as a range of other education, careers and community services. The company operates principally within the Peninsula area, though over recent years has developed a more diverse presence across the wider region / UK. The submitted exempt report provided details of proposed changes to the governance and operating arrangements in order to secure longer term sustainability of The Company.

Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Law seconded a motion which was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____ Date: 4 October 2019
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet