DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform	DECISION NO: **16/00025**

For publication
Subject: Procurement of EYPS Systems

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform I agree to:

Award contract(s) for the EYPS Systems Refresh programme following completion of the procurement process for the provision of the EYPS business systems.

Reason(s) for decision:

There are a large number of IT systems and spreadsheets in use across the Education and Young People Services directorate all of which are out of contract. The strategy is therefore to rationalise the current EYPS systems and spreadsheets into as few systems as possible. This will not only reduce ongoing support costs but will significantly improve the efficiency of staff. It should be noted that due to a number of systems out of contract – there is no 'do nothing' option Combining these requirements in a single tender is therefore also a more efficient procurement approach than tendering for them separately and will lead to a more efficient solution.

Financial Implications
Whilst the rationalisation of systems will deliver some savings, it is recognised that the project costs outweigh the financial savings. However, the non-financial benefits are significant.

However, many of the contracts need to be re-procured (regardless of rationalisation) and therefore the rationalisation approach offers better public value. The EYPS Systems Refresh Programme Board are therefore convinced of the value of investing in this activity.

Whilst financial benefits are small there is a significant opportunity to make efficiencies in staff time. An initial time saving has been calculated based on the following efficiencies:
• Completing data entry tasks using complex navigation and functionality;
• Accessing data that is inaccurate or out of date and amending that data if necessary;
• System downtime or access problems;
• Working to operational processes that need to be streamlined and better supported by technology;
• Meeting ongoing business and technical requirements leading to the need of system development work from suppliers;
• Data management and matching for reporting from standalone systems.

Capital funds have already been secured for this project.

Like-for-like revenue costs for software and maintenance will be lower than they are now. However, given additional costs that would come for an externally hosted system, the total may end up similar, but not exceeding, current revenue expenditure. There is potential to secure some financial savings through these new contracts, whilst improving the quality of service to children, families and schools.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
17 February 2016
To be added following meeting

Any alternatives considered:
The alternative to this proposal is that KCC goes out to tender for a number of systems. This will be a long and time consuming process which leaves KCC open to risk of challenge for longer.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None

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Signed   **Date**