

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

**DECISION OF COUNCILLOR JAN BARBER
THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE'S SERVICES with advice from the
DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES**

**DECISION NO: P&C10**

SUBJECT: Contract for Support Services for Families with Children under 5 with Additional Needs

DECISION: To approve a Contract Award

BACKGROUND: North Somerset Council has a longstanding external commissioning arrangement for a support and play service for children under 5 with additional needs. The Contract for this service ends on 30th September 2017.

The service provides targeted support for families and offers a specialist service, which includes early learning through play sessions with the provision of a range of specialist equipment working across 3 centres in North Somerset.

There is provision of one to one support and group work plus visits to the family home. This holistic service works in close partnership with NSC Children's Centres and offers support and advice for parents/carers with appropriate sign posting to support decisions for ongoing educational needs and contributes to a smooth transition to school.

A procurement process has been undertaken with subsequent evaluation. Only one bid was received, this bidder is the current Contract holder, Springboard Opportunity Group.

A decision is now being requested to award the Contract to Springboard Opportunity Group (Registered Charity Number 1025787 and Company Number 2844191) for a period of 3 years with the option to extend by a further 2 years (1 year increments).

Reasons:

Evaluation for the tender has been undertaken and Springboard Opportunity Group fully met all of the criteria with a score of:

Tender Quality:	57.86%
Tender Price:	40%
Total:	97.86%

Financial Implications:

The Contract value is £502,800 across the 5 years with an annual Contract value of £100,560. The CCG contributes £25,000 per annum, which is included within this Contract value.

There are no negative financial implications by completing the tender exercise.

Implications for Future Years

There are no implications for future years. The decision to extend will be based upon the Provider's performance and outcomes they have achieved during the three year Initial Contract Term.

Signed:
Councillor Jan Barber
Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services

Dated:

Reviewed:
Gerald Hunt, Head of Commissioning

Confirmation of advice given:

Signed:
Sheila Smith
Director, People and Communities

Dated: