

**Oldham Borough Council
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Upgrade and Refurbishment of Alexandra Children's Centre
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Education Services
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

This report seeks approval for an additional refurbishment of Alexandra Childrens Centre, This report seeks approval for an additional refurbishment of Alexandra Childrens Centre, which would be delivered by way of a further call off with E Smith & Son off under Lot 14 (Minor Works - Building Repairs / Maintenance / New Build / Extensions / Refurbishment) of the Construction and Highways Works and Services Framework Agreement (CHWSF). This will ensure the transformation (upgrade and refurbishment) of Alexandra Childrens Centre. If approved, and that Oldham's Family Hubs programme will be able to deliver services in welcoming, safe, and secure spaces.

The implementation of a Family Hub will require adapting existing buildings, improving accessibility, and enabling multi-agency working, which could include IT upgrades, signage, improving building space, new furniture to ensure suitability for older children, and new equipment to support the co-location of the start for life workforce, such as desks, phone systems and sinks or specialist flooring for clinical use by midwives or health visitors.

According to the DfE requirements, Family Hubs buildings should be welcoming, safe, and secure spaces. Additionally, they should have:

- A designated welcoming, safe and secure breastfeeding space for mothers to breastfeed and meet other breastfeeding parents.
- A designated welcoming, safe and secure space where parents can speak to practitioners, volunteers, or other peer supporters about their wellbeing and mental health.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Director of Education, Skills & Early Years
5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

This report seeks approval to enter into a call-off contract to allow for further works to be delivered to ensure the transformation (upgrade and refurbishment) of Alexandra Children's Centre, and that Oldham's Family Hubs programme will be able to deliver services in welcoming, safe, and secure spaces.

Oldham Council, alongside 74 other LAs, met the government's criteria to receive a share of a ringfenced funding for Family Hub development.

The expectations for delivery include providing a range of support for families, children, and breastfeeding parents in key important areas through different workstreams such as Parenting Support, Infant Feeding, Home and Learning Environment, Mental Health, Start for Life Offer and Parent Panels

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Option 1 - Approve the request to make a direct award and enter into a call off contract for the refurbishment and upgrade of Alexandra Children's Centre. This would be formalised in



accordance with Contract Procedure Rules, incorporating the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Option 2 - not approve the request to make a direct award and appoint as detailed in this report. This would result in the failure to deliver the commitments to develop Oldham's Family Hubs Programme. A mini competition under Lot 14 would be time consuming and resource

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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8. **INTERESTS AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** None

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Upgrade and refurbish of Alexandra Childrens Centre
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