

NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	Gateway 3 – Variation Decision Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) School Bus Service
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	A variation to the SEND school bus service contract to enable its relocation to an alternative depot facility with an increase to the contract price is required. A two-year extension of the contract from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2023 is also needed.
Decision taker	Cabinet
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	13 July 2021
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	The lease on the current depot used to deliver this service will end on 9 August 2021. Confirmation of an alternative depot facility and costs were only able to be confirmed with the service provider on 3 June 2021. The contract could not be extended without this detail. Arrangements are now being made to take the SEND bus service contract variation and extension through the governance process.
Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan	The next Forward Plan to be published will be the August 2021 Forward Plan. The SEND bus service supports the council to deliver its statutory duty to transport eligible children to and from school. The service must be available from 1 September to operate throughout term time. This is a key decision to be taken by Cabinet. There is no other opportunity available for Cabinet to take this decision before 1 September 2021.
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