



## Executive Summary

**Report title:** Young People's Housing and Independence Pathway

**Wards affected:** all

**Strategic Director:** John Readman and Alison Comley

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### Recommendation for the Mayor's approval:

1. Approve the young people's housing and independence pathway plan summarised in this report.

#### Group 1 - Prevention and low support

2. To procure and enter into a contract with a strategic partner to establish and run a new Youth Housing Hub as detailed in row 1.1 of the table in paragraph 14 of this report costing no more than £300,000 per annum.
3. To procure and enter into new contracts for low support accommodation as detailed in row 1.4 of the table in paragraph 14 of this report costing no more than £550,000 per annum.

#### Group 2 - High and medium support

4. To procure and enter into contracts for external supported accommodation as detailed in row 2.2 of the table in paragraph 15 of this report.
5. To extend and vary the current contract for high support as detailed in row 2.3 of the table in paragraph 15 of this report at a cost of £785,000 per annum.
6. To procure and enter into new contracts for up to 75 units of high and medium supported accommodation as detailed in row 2.4 of the table in paragraph 15 of this report costing no more than £785,000 per annum.

#### Delegation of authority to award and extend contracts

7. Agree that the decision to award contracts detailed in the recommendations valued over £500K and any extensions provided for in the contracts is delegated to the Strategic Directors of Neighbourhoods and People in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members



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## Key background / detail:

- a. Purpose of report: This report seeks approval for the young people's housing and independence plan which includes:
- Proposals for changing the way we work so we are better at helping young people and their families to prevent housing crises and/or help them to get the housing and support they need in a more planned way.
  - Commissioning and procurement proposals to achieve 10% savings and secure the accommodation and support needed for young people at risk of homelessness as well as Bristol care leavers.
- b. Key details:
1. To meet our responsibilities to care leavers and young people at risk of homelessness, the council currently provides and funds a range of specialist young people's supported accommodation and other help for young people. Funding for these services comes from Neighbourhoods (homelessness prevention) and People (children's placements) with a combined budget in 2016/17 of £2,708,275. The proposals in this report will deliver 10% savings by 2019/20 from the 2016/17 combined budget.
  2. Cabinet is asked to approve the draft young people's housing and independence pathway plan (published here: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/housing/commissioning-homelessness-prevention-services>). The plan aims to:
    - Prevent young people aged 16-21 and care leavers up to 25 from becoming homeless
    - Help young people to stay living at home and not experience housing crisis
    - Reduce the number of 16-17 year olds entering care
    - Commission a suitable range of value for money accommodation and support options
    - Reduce expenditure
  3. Cabinet is also asked to approve proposals to procure a range of services for young people including:
    - A new youth housing hub - an integrated service coordinating and delivering homelessness prevention, assessments, housing advice and allocating housing and support to young people
    - Short term supported lodgings
    - Low support accommodation
    - High and medium support accommodation
    - A new purchasing system for external supported accommodation

