

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North East Area Council

Report of the Area Manager

Agenda Item 7

January 30th 2020

Urgent Procurement Report

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The North East Area Council agreed that the specification for the Apprentices and Employability commission should go out to tender at the meeting on the 30th November 2019.
- 1.2 BMBC's Category Manager, Strategic Procurement & Commissioning Support, and Post 16 Partnership Manager have now been advised that all framework apprenticeships will no longer be funded by the Government after July 31st 2020, and will be replaced by new 'standard' frameworks.
- 1.3 It is therefore necessary to withdraw the Apprentices and Employability tender in order to be able to assess the impact this will have on the commission.
- 1.4 A waiver will be required until the end of July 2020, at a cost of £70,866 to ensure there is no break in service until a revised commission is completed.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 **To withdraw the Apprentices and Employability tender in order to be able to assess the impact this will have on the commission.**
- 2.2 **That the Executive Director Communities be authorised to complete all necessary paperwork in order to waive contract procedure rules to extend the current Apprentices and Employability commission until the end of July 2020, at a cost of £70,866 to ensure there is no break in service until a revised commission is completed.**

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