

# Notification of Call-in

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<b>Decision title and reference number</b>	
FP/657/11/16 Final Award of Contract for Integrated Pre-birth to 19 Health, Wellbeing and Family Support services	
<b>Cabinet Member responsible</b>	<b>Date decision published</b>
Cllr Dick Madden	15.11.16
<b>Last day of call in period</b>	<b>Last day of 10-day period to resolve the call-in</b>
18.11.16	02.12.16
<b>Reasons for Making the Call in</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The initial Cabinet decision to go out to procurement stated: <p><i>3.6: In 2015 ECC carried out engagement with families and practitioners who said:...</i>  <i>Current services are fragmented and confusing. This can lead to parents receiving inconsistent support and to a heightened risk that families will not receive the support they need at all</i>  <i>3.19: The proposed model focuses on the needs of children and families and will provide support that is easier to understand and makes more efficient use of the skills and experience of the workforce as well as seeking to utilise, capitalise and build upon the existing capabilities of families, neighbourhoods and communities. It will cover the period from conception to age 19 (or 25 in the case of people with special educational needs or a disability). The mandatory services will continue to be delivered and we will expect the current services to be provided as effectively as the current services although the mode of delivery may be different.</i>  <i>3.21: It is proposed to create an integrated service which will:...</i>  <i>Allow the services to continue to increase the percentage of families in priority groups and greatest need reached by the services, allowing a greater opportunity to intervene early and help to create strong, resilient families who are able to identify when things need addressing</i></p> <p>Virgin Care is a huge national organisation, with contracts in counties right across the country. Over the past five years, the corporation has been awarded contracts valued at over £1 Billion. We feel that the decision to tender to Virgin Care makes it harder for ECC to meet the goals outlined above, further severing the link between communities, and the organisations that provide services. Essex residents are not an instrument for profiteering.</p> </li> <li>There are several outstanding care providers already active within Essex, delivering services to families with crucial links to, and understanding of their communities that we should be focusing on, and resourcing to ensure the best outcomes for Essex residents. The needs of residents differ greatly across the County, and we have had assurances from members of the administration in the past that we will be placing greater emphasis on local focus. This appears to have been forgotten.</li> <li>Isolation is of great concern to us. Our own 0-19 consultation discovered that parents across Essex are increasingly feeling lonely and isolated, further compounding other health, mental, support needs they might have. Tendering services to a large, national, monolithic organisation further isolates them from the support they desperately need.</li> </ul> <p>This call in is supported by Cllrs Young and Henderson.</p>	

<b>Signed:</b> Michael Danvers	<b>Dated:</b> 18 November 2016
<b>For completion by the Governance Officer</b>	
<b>Date call in Notice Received</b> 18 NOVEMBER 2016	<b>Date of informal meeting</b> 24 NOVEMBER 2016
<b>Does the call in relate to a Schools issue</b> <b>NO</b>	<b>If yes, date when Parent Governor Reps and Diocesan Reps invited to the meeting</b> N/A
<b>Date of Scrutiny Committee Meeting (if applicable)</b> 8 December 2016	<b>Date call in withdrawn / resolved</b>