



Overview & Scrutiny Board

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Subject Heading:

SLT Lead:

Report Author and contact details:

Policy context:

Financial summary:

REPORT

Call-in of Executive Decision -
Purchase of Synergy Education
Management System

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The report deals with a statutory process.

There is no significant financial impact
from the statutory processes as these
requirements are being met by existing
budgets.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Supporting our residents to stay safe and well

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy X

Resources - Enabling a resident-focused and resilient Council

SUMMARY

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Rules, a requisition signed by at least six Members representing more than one Group (Councillors Petru Eugen Dinsorean, Henry Williams, Alex Donald, Iurie Bivol, Khuram Amin. John Tyler and Lesley Tyler) have called-in the Key Executive Decision dated 23 July 2026

The grounds for the requisition are:

1. Decision-making authority

Clarification is required from the Monitoring Officer regarding whether the decision-maker possessed the necessary delegated authority, taking account of the complete VAT-inclusive contract value and the relevant constitutional and procurement thresholds.

2. Financial inconsistency

The published decision contains an apparent £100,000 inconsistency between the stated extension subtotal and the annual extension figures. The financial information should be corrected and formally verified before implementation.

3. Supplier identity

Clarification is required regarding the precise legal entity receiving the contract and whether that entity is correctly appointed under the relevant YPO framework lot.

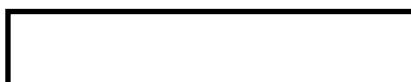
4. Direct award and value for money

The published report does not provide sufficient like-for-like, whole-life cost evidence to demonstrate that the proposed five-year direct award represents the best available value for the Council.

5. Procurement, contractual and governance safeguards

Further evidence is required regarding the direct-award assessment, funding risks, social value, data security, service resilience, contract performance and exit arrangements.

The Executive Decision itself is attached (exempt documents not available to press or public). A response by officers to the grounds for the requisition is also attached.



RECOMMENDATION

That the Board considers the requisition of the Key Executive Decision and determines whether to uphold it.

REPORT DETAIL

As per Appendices

- Key Executive Decision report (not available to press or public)
- Grounds for requisition and supporting report (exempt supporting report not available to press or public)
- Response to grounds from officers (exempt appendix not available to press or public)

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: None of this covering report.

Legal implications and risks: None of this covering report.

Human Resources implications and risks: None of this covering report.

Equalities implications and risks: None of this covering report.

Environmental and Climate Change implications and risks: None of this covering report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

