

## Decision Record – Contract for the Establishment of a Framework Agreement for a list of Approved School Improvement Advisors

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Cllr Alan Cockburn Deputy Leader
<b>Date of Decision</b>	22 May 2015

### Decision Taken

That the Deputy Leader:

- 1) Approves proceeding with a procurement process for the provision of Approved School Improvement Advisors.
- 2) Approves and authorises the Strategic Director of Communities Group to enter into all relevant contracts for the provision of Approved School Improvement Advisors on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director of Resources.

### Reasons for Decisions

It is proposed that Warwickshire Education and Learning Business Unit establish a pool of Approved School Improvement Providers who can be deployed by the Learning and performance Team for school improvement work and can also be accessed by schools as a brokered service.

### Background Information

80% of Warwickshire schools are good or outstanding, placing us 6<sup>th</sup> out of 11 in relation to our statistical neighbours. Pupil progress and the attainment of disadvantaged pupils are a priority for Warwickshire Education and Learning Business unit.

Education and Learning business unit currently has 1.6 fte permanent School Improvement Officers (SIOs) working with schools across the county according to need. Additional staff are contracted to work with named schools on an annually commissioned basis.

The Core Offer identified in The School Improvement Strategy has resulted in a significant increase to SIO workload as links are now made with all Good and Outstanding schools (previously link officers were provided to RI (Requires Improvement) and Inadequate Schools only).

Employing staff on an annually commissioned basis enables the Local Authority to balance staff availability to identified need more flexibly. Furthermore, it brings a wide range of skills to the service without a long term financial commitment by the Local Authority.

**Financial Implications**

None

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**Checklist**

<b>Urgent matter?</b>	No
<b>Confidential or Exempt?</b>	No
<b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>	No

**List of Reports considered**

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3287/Committee/551/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

**List of Background Papers**

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**Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments**

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