

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR DECISION**

**18 JUNE 2018**

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### **REPORT: LINCOLNSHIRE SECURE UNIT – MINISTRY OF JUSTICE CONTRACT BID**

#### **SCRUTINY OPINION FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 8 JUNE 2018**

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The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee met on 8 June 2018 and considered a report concerning the Lincolnshire Secure Unit – Ministry of Justice Contract Bid.

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendations contained in the report.

In addition, the following comments were made:

- It was queried why there was only one welfare bed and whether this could be increased. It was highlighted that there was no guarantee of income from welfare beds whereas for secure beds there was guaranteed income from the Ministry of Justice. It was noted that officers were currently working with the Department for Education to look at a new location for the secure unit in order to increase the number of welfare beds to twelve. It was reported that the current building did not allow for an increase in the number of welfare beds.
- Cllr M A Whittington highlighted that he was a member of the Commissioning and Commercial Board which had considered this proposal. He highlighted that there was no financial risk to Lincolnshire County Council with the current model for eleven secure beds and one welfare bed. However, if the number of secure beds dropped to ten and there were two welfare beds instead, this would increase the financial risk to the Council as there would be less guaranteed income from the Ministry of Justice.
- It was suggested that the Secure Unit should be renamed to something more in line with other secure units nationally. It was noted that moving to a new building would provide an ideal opportunity to rename the facility.