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for County Councillors

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LD Programme – Timeline Extension

The following update has been communicated to all stakeholders of the LD Programme.

We are currently nearing the end of the evaluation process for the non-commercial quality questions for the selection of the organisation that we will create the new learning disabilities social enterprise with. This has involved a huge commitment from customers, parents/carers, trade unions and members of staff, which we really do appreciate. We hope you have all found the process to be worthwhile.

We were due to have the bidders submit their final submissions last week. This was the commercial part of their bid. Based on discussions with the bidders we realised that extending this deadline may be a good idea, as we want to make sure we get the best bids possible. Therefore, the LD Programme Board has approved an extension to the programme timeline. This means that some more discussions can take place regarding the bidder's commercial submissions before the new deadline for commercial bid submissions on the 22nd February 2016.

This extension doesn't affect the work that has taken place to date to evaluate the non-commercial submissions; it just means that this side of the evaluation process will be finished early. The meetings already arranged for the representatives of each stakeholder group to discuss and agree the scores for their specific questions have taken place and the meetings with the Core Evaluation Team on the 4th and 5th of February will still take place as planned. There will then be a slight gap before the final part of the commercial evaluation process.

This change does mean that we will now be going to the April Scrutiny meeting (20th April 2016) and April Cabinet meeting (27th April 2016) for a decision based on the outcome of the evaluation of the bidders submissions. It also means that, including the standstill period, there will be a delay in making the decision public until **Thursday 12th May 2016**, with our anticipated 'go live'

date of the social enterprise moving to December 2016.

We wanted to keep you up to date with this change, but also re-assure those of you involved in the evaluation that the work you have done already still forms part of this crucial process and will be taken into account as originally intended.

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