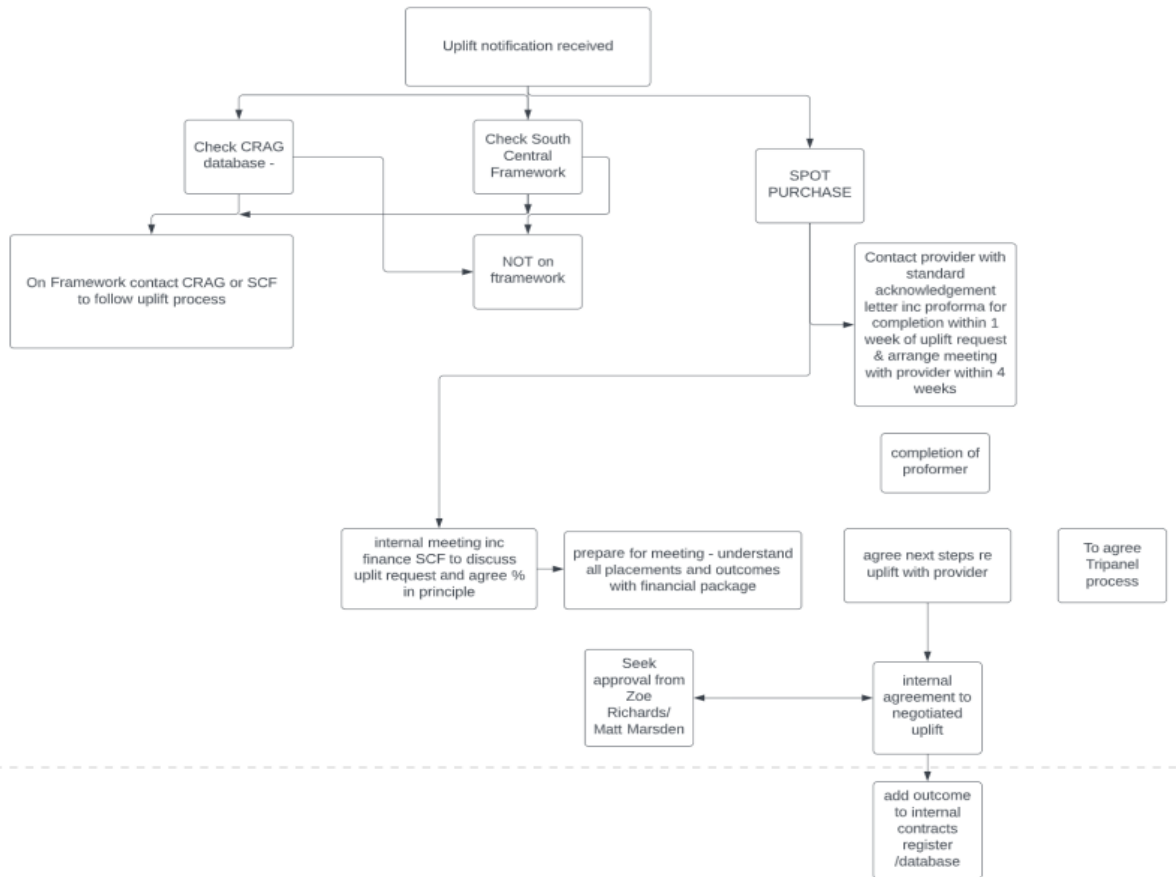## Inflationary Uplift Request process

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To respond to SBC re evidence of assurance that SCF have a process in place to negotiate with providers around inflationary uplift requests and where contracts are in place that rises are in accordance with contract terms.

2. Inflationary uplift Request Process

2.1 Pressures have arisen from contract inflation from providers of support to children with disabilities - £88k above budget assumptions.

2.2 SCF commissioned PeopleToo to introduce a robust process for negotiating inflationary requests on 4th May 2022. PeopleToo developed a form for completion by suppliers for any such inflationary requests, this was sent out to all suppliers on 16th June 2022. The form captured details of why an inflationary uplift was required providing details to support the request.

2.3 SCF have received numerous requests for inflation uplifts and have introduced a process for providers to follow allowing for detailed scrutiny of the cost uplifts on the suppliers to assess for reasonableness. The process flowchart is below.

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                        │ Uplift notification    │
                        │ received               │
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Uplift notification received

Check CRAG database -

Check South Central Framework

SPOT PURCHASE

On Framework contact CRAG or SCF to follow uplift process

NOT on fframework

Contact provider with standard acknowledgement letter inc proforma for completion within 1 week of uplift request & arrange meeting with provider within 4 weeks

completion of proformer

internal meeting inc finance SCF to discuss uplit request and agree % in principle

prepare for meeting - understand all placements and outcomes with financial package

agree next steps re uplift with provider

To agree Tripanel process

Seek approval from Zoe Richards/ Matt Marsden

internal agreement to negotiated uplift

add outcome to internal contracts register /database

3. Requests received

3.1 2 requests for uplifts were received in relation to children with disability services and considered:

- Provider A – completed proforma in Appendix 1
- Provider B – completed proforma in Appendix 2

3.2 Below is a table of the Children with Disabilities support contracts, the uplift request and what was agreed

Contract	Contract Sum	Requested		Agreed - based on 21/22 spend	
	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000
Arbour Vale School	**85**	0.0%			
Beehive	**38**	0.0%			
Thames Valley Adventure Playground	**4**	0.0%			
Camp Mohawk	**3**	0.0%			
The Light *	215	18% - 44%	96	18% - 36%	78
Parvaaz *	191	4% - 6%	11	4% - 6%	11
Total	536		106		88
Individual Packages of Care (POCs) are purchased so contract sum is based on 21/22 spend					

Appendices

Provider A proforma

The Light uplift
request.xlsx

Provider B proforma

Parvaaz Uplift
Request.xlsx

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