

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Sue Chandler,

Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's Services

DECISION NO:

20/00123

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Key decision: YES

Key decision criteria. The decision will:

- a) result in savings or expenditure which is significant having regard to the budget for the service or function (currently defined by the Council as in excess of £1,000,000); or
- b) be significant in terms of its effects on a significant proportion of the community living or working within two or more electoral divisions – which will include those decisions that involve:
 - the adoption or significant amendment of major strategies or frameworks;
 - significant service developments, significant service reductions, or significant changes in the way that services are delivered, whether County-wide or in a particular locality.

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Liquidlogic Contract for Integrated Children's Services and Disabled Children's Services

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's Services, I agree to:

- I. award a contract to Liquidlogic for 7 (5+1+1) years for the provision of case management systems within Integrated Children's Services and Disabled Children's Services, attached as appendix A
- II. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, to take relevant actions, as necessary to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:**Background**

- 1.1 Liquidlogic's LCS system (named Liberi in Kent), was implemented in 2013 and went live in December 2013. This replaced the previous Capita ICS system. The Liquidlogic suite has been added to extensively over the last six years and is used across all of children's social care, intensive early help, and disabled children's services, to include EHM and LAS.
- 1.2 The contract end date of the current contract is March 2021, so a new contract needs to be in place for April 2021. It is vital that the service has a system that will meet all of its needs and continue to deliver the ability to record high quality case records to inform decision making in our work with children and safeguarding, and fulfil a key safeguarding function.

Financial Implications

The total contract value over seven years is £1,115,356.76, which is the full contract period (an

initial term of 5 years with 2 x 1-Year Extension options). The quoted total contract value does not include RPI, which will be applied cumulatively as per the market rates each year.

Legal implications

Contract award will be made using direct award against the CCS Framework, which is in line with the framework terms and conditions.

Equalities implications

EqIA screening has indicated this to be low risk, as there is no change to the information that is recorded, the way it is recorded, or the software on which it is held.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Children's and Young People Cabinet Committee consider the decision on (date)
The proposal was considered by the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee on 15 January 2021. The Committee supported the proposal.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Re-procuring with Liquidlogic ensures ongoing system functionality and stability, which supports Kent to fulfil its statutory safeguarding duties.

It also ensures payments to commissioned providers and foster carers are made in line with statutory obligations.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None



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