

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Jenny Whittle, Cabinet Member- Specialist Children's Services

DECISION NO.

10/01585

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject:

The award of a Disabled Children's Services Multiple Supplier Framework Agreement and delegated authority for the award of future call-off contracts.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services I hereby agree :

- (a) that the Families and Social Care Commissioning Unit informs those organisations who tendered for inclusion on the framework if they have been successful or unsuccessful.
- (b) to grant the delegated authority to the Corporate Director, Families and Social Care (or other nominated officer) to approve the award of call-off contracts through the framework agreement's mini competition process and, throughout the life of the framework agreement.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken: None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

An alternative is to continue the ad hoc grant arrangements that had previously been in place, many of which did not meet Spending The Council's Money. Another option would be to have separate procurement exercises for each service required, however, this would be time consuming for both KCC and providers and not an effective use of resources.

Framework agreements are an effective way of stopping spot purchasing and reducing bureaucracy for both Commissioners and providers. They also enable Commissioners to purchase services in a short timescale so they are responsive to need and in line with Spending The Council's Money.

The final results of the full tender evaluations are presented in Appendix 1 of the decision report, however Appendix 1 is **exempt** from publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

Background Documents: None


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date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published	