

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Jenny Whittle, Cabinet Member, Specialist Children's Services

**DECISION NO:**

13/00078

**For publication**

**Subject: Children's Centre Single Source Tender**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services I agree that a single source tender is carried out on the eight commissioned Children's Centres with a one year contract being put in place from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

In order to fully consider the implications of Facing the Challenge, the whole Council Transformation Plan, the development of a 0-11 children's strategy and our approach to wider scale commissioning, it is recommended that we undertake a single tender action to maintain service delivery from our current service providers for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The decision will not be considered by a Cabinet Committee as to defer it in order to do so would be detrimental to the timely completion of the tender arrangement. However in accordance with the council's constitution the Chairman and Group spokespeople of the committee will be asked to provide comments for the Cabinet Member to consider when taking the decision, as will local members. In addition all members of the council will be notified of the intention to take the decision.

**Any alternatives considered:**

Not agreeing the extension of the current commissioned arrangements would not allow sufficient time for proper consideration of the outcomes of the review. Further detailed options are contained within the report which accompanies this record of decision.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

None

  
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signed

9.12.13  
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