

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Peter Oakford

Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

**DECISION NO:**

14/00074

**For publication****Key decision**

Decision is for contract value of £376,275 pa from August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. This will give an overall contract value of £752,550 up to the end of Year 2, and the 4 Year contract value would be £1,505,100.

**Subject: Contract Award for Independent Adoption & Special Guardianship Order (SGO) Support Services (Award length 2 years plus 2 optional).**

**Decision:**

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

- 1) The contract for the delivery of Independent Adoption & SGO Support services across Kent (excluding Medway) be awarded to Barnardos.
- 2) Agree that the Corporate Director of Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other nominated officer will take all such steps as are necessary to implement the decision.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

In October 2013, DMT and Procurement Board gave authorisation to procure a new contract for Independent Adoption & SGO Support Services as the contract with the existing provider was coming to an end. The procurement process was carried out between March 2014 and April 2014. By following an open and competitive tender process savings have been achieved, with a new contract value of £376,275 pa. The preferred bidder is Barnardos, with a scheduled contract start date of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

A decision to approve this Award regarding these statutory services must be taken as a matter of urgency to ensure a smooth transition and mobilisation of these statutory services from the existing service provider to the incoming service provider.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The 9 July 2014 Children's Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee considered the recommendation report. The Committee endorsed the proposed decision and supported the taking of the decision as a matter of urgency.

Additionally, because this decision needs to be implementable urgently, the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing have also been consulted and confirmed that the decision should be taken as urgent.



10<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

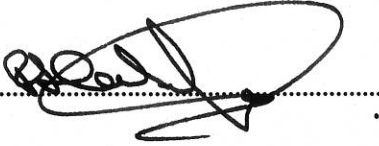
**Any alternatives considered:**

As part of the planning process, DMT considered various options on how these services could be

delivered but it was felt that continuing to outsource these services was the most operationally effective and viable approach. In addition the contract with the existing provider was due to end and the contract terms and conditions did not enable further extensions to the contract term.

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

signed

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date

11 July 2014