

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Peter Oakford
Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

DECISION NO:

14/00088

For Publication:

Key decision: The proposed interim contract value is in excess of £1,000,000 per annum and is a Kent-wide service

Subject: Interim arrangements for Supported Lodging provision through a Single Tender Action.

Decision:

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

Kent County Council initiate Single Tender Action interim arrangements with Catch22 to provide increased and diversified provision for the next nine months

Reason(s) for decision:

A decision to approve the award of an interim contract for the delivery of Supported Lodging provision for older Children in Care and Care Leavers is required to ensure service continuity for young people in current placements and develop increased and diversified provision in the short term whilst the service goes through an external tendering process.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Children's Social Care And Health Cabinet Committee on the 9th July 2014 considered a paper updating the Committee on implementing an integrated Children in Care and Leaving Care Service.

Members' comments on the issues relating to the provision of supported lodging interim arrangements were noted and have been used to inform this decision to enter an interim contract with Catch 22

Any alternatives considered:

As part of the service change process, a range of options were considered and evaluated by Operational and Directorate Management teams on how future services could be delivered. They agreed that continuing to outsource Supported Lodging services on an interim basis was the most operationally effective and viable approach for maintaining service support for young people whilst undertaking a tendering process. This is detailed in the report published as Appendix 1 to the Recommendation report

The contract with the existing provider for leaving care services, Catch 22, 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

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date

4 September 2014