

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Roger Gough

DECISION NO.

09/01336

(This is an unrestricted summary of a matter which is exempt under the provisions of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

Subject:

Renewal of Consumer Direct Agreement (Kent Subcontractor) for the period 1 October 2009 to 31 March 2011

Decision:

That subject to him being satisfied as to the detailed terms and conditions the Chief Executive be authorised on behalf of the County Council to complete and sign off the Consumer Direct Agreement to renew the Contact from 1 October 2009 to 31 March 2011.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None

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

The County Council has a current contract with Trading Standards South East Limited to provide a consumer direct service on behalf of the Office of Fair Trading for the south east region.

This contract is due for renewal from 1 October 2009 with the Council therefore taking the decision on renewing the contract during the month of September being recorded in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions . and to last for a period of 18 months.

However the County Council was advised on 14th September 2009 by Trading Standards South East Limited that the contract had to be completed and signed by Friday 18 September 2009. This deadline has been challenged by the County Council but it has been told that this is something which is not negotiable.

The circumstances under which the County Council now finds itself will be taken up with Trading Standards South East Limited and the Office of Fair Trading, but for the immediate future the essential action is to secure the contract. Failure to renew it would have a number of detrimental consequences, not least the loss of 36 FTE's

Background Documents: None

signed **Roger Gough**

date **16/9/09**

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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			