

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mr Gough, Cabinet Member for Education
and Health Reform

DECISION NO.

13/00011

Unrestricted

Subject:

Framework Agreement - School Cleaning Contracts

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform I agree that the Framework Agreement for Premises cleaning in Kent educational establishments be agreed and adopted

Reason(s) for decision

The Framework agreement will allow a uniform standard to be set and a competitive price to be tendered. Many schools, units, nurseries, etc, are reassured by having an experienced team to support them in complying with procurement legislation, establishing appropriate contractual terms and conditions and also managing the contract throughout its life. Utilising the services provided by Client Services can help schools to manage a range of risks and reduces the pressure on the school management team.

KCC can set the standard for provision within the specification, ensure that procurement practices are sound and provide follow up support and guidance for schools who choose to call off a contract with the winning service provider for their area.

A cabinet member decision is required in order that the correct authority is place for the council's seal to be affixed to the Framework Agreement

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation

This decision is being taken outside of the Cabinet Committee process but in accordance with statutory procedures. The Chairman of the Council has been consulted and has agreed that the decision should not be deferred until the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee.

Any alternatives considered:

Not providing a Framework would mean that schools that needed support to deliver these services could not receive it. This would leave some schools vulnerable to problems with the delivery of services or potential legal issues with contractors.

Alternatives were considered by elected members prior to the agreement that a Framework Agreement would be pursued and a tendering exercise undertaken. Now that that exercise is complete and work being undertaken for individual schools, any alternatives such as not agreeing the Framework or re-tendering would be extremely costly and would not benefit the council or the Schools utilising the Framework.

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

None

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