

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TAKEN BY

Mr Roger Gough  
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

## DECISION NO.

13/00012

For publication.

## Subject:

**To approve the Framework Agreement from which schools may draw down contracts with individual providers for catering services**

## Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform I agree that the Framework Agreement as set out in the report be agreed, adopted and the official seal of the council attached.

## Reason(s) for decision

Following the delegation of the school budget for catering to each individual school this framework agreement was created in order to continue to support schools in their provision of meals. It would allow preferred providers to be identified for specified geographical lots and schools may then secure catering services from this provider without the need for a separate procurement process and also benefit from other securities such as advice, support and help with contract management from the experienced KCC Client Services Team.

## Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation

In accordance with the Council's constitution the Chairman of the Council and the Director of Education, Learning and Skills have agreed that owing to delays already experienced and set out in the report, the decision should not be deferred until the next meeting of the relevant 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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signed

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date

24/5/13