

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL- RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Graham Gibbens
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public
Health

DECISION NO.

14/00009

Unrestricted

Subject:

Award of Home Care Service Contracts

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health, I agree to

1. Award Home Care Service Contracts to the bidders identified in the exempt Appendix A to the recommendation report.
2. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Families and Social Care, or appropriate nominated officer, to enter into the necessary contracts and undertake the necessary work to implement this decision.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

No

Reason(s) for decision:

The majority of KCC's current Home Care Services contracts were let in 2004 and have been extended on an annual basis. This new contract award will ensure that all providers are:

- Operating under up to date Terms and Conditions
- Proactively contract managed against our Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)

Additionally it will:

- Shape the market in preparation for outcome based commissioning
- Prepare the market for future healthcare integration
- Improve quality assurance and ensure alignment of cost and quality
- Produce sustainable efficiencies through rationalising direct providers

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

There has been extensive consultation with the sector and both existing and prospective providers through the preliminary work and during the formal tender.

Due to the need to follow the timelines set out in the Procurement Regulations the recommendation was not available for the 16 January 2014 Cabinet Committee, and given the need to make this decision in a timely manner to deliver efficiencies it is not feasible to wait until the next Cabinet Committee on the 2 May. This decision will be reported to that meeting of the committee.

Any alternatives considered:

Continued extension of existing contracts would have been in breach of Procurement Regulations.

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

None

Background Documents:

Report by the Corporate Director for Families & Social Care - Home Care Services Contract Award, 10 March 2014



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signed

19 March 2014

date