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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED* RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE* TAKEN BY:

Gary Cooke, Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services.

DECISION NO:

14/00062

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Key decision*

Expenditure of more than £1m over the life of the procurement.

Subject: Following a joint EU compliant procurement with East Sussex, Surrey and Brighton and Hove Councils, the ICT Division would like to procure the Capita SIMS Management Information Software for Kent maintained schools and establishments to allow these schools to use the software for school information management purposes including the statutory returns required by the Department for Education.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, I agree to the procurement of the Capita SIMS Management Information Software on behalf of Kent maintained schools and educational establishments.

Reason(s) for decision:

To allow the use of the Capita SIMS Management Information Software in Kent maintained schools and establishments.

To allow those school to have use of the Capita SIMS Management Information Software at significantly reduced cost when compared to the individual school cost.

To remove any risk of the Council being challenged by suppliers under EU procurement rules for not having a suitable EU procurement in place which allows Kent maintained schools and establishments to use the Capita SIMS Management Information software.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The recommended course of action to do a joint procurement with East Sussex, Surrey and Brighton and Hove Councils was agreed by the Kent Procurement Board in February 2013.

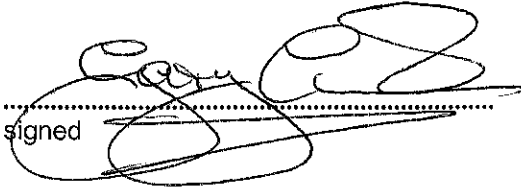
Any alternatives considered:

Do Nothing – but this would but the Council at risk of challenge by suppliers under EU procurement rules for not having a suitable EU procurement in place which allows Kent maintained schools and establishments to use the Capita SIMS Management Information software.

Consideration was given to Kent completing its own EU compliant procurement for a school management information software solution but by doing a joint procurement with East Sussex, Surrey and Brighton and Hove Councils the cost of the procurement has been reduced and improved pricing has been achieved for schools due to the economies of scale this procurement

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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