

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

**Sue Chandler,
Cabinet Member for Children’s integrated Services**

DECISION NO:

20/00036

Unrestricted

Key decision: **YES**

Subject: Liquidlogic contract extension

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Integrated Children’s Services, I agree to the two year contract extension period for the Liquidlogic system which supports practice recording and decision making across integrated children’s services.

Reason(s) for decision:

This decision complies with the current contractual arrangements and is required to maintain Children, Young People and Education systems for case management. It is recognised that extensive work has been done since the introduction of these systems to bring them to the current functionality to support children’s services.

Equalities Implications

Equalities implications were considered as part of the original procurement and implementation process. This decision does not propose any change to current processing or recording. When tendering for the new contract in 2021 the EqIA will be updated as part of the decision-making process.

Financial Implications

The two year contract extension is for ongoing annual software and maintenance of the existing system, to ensure it is still supported and upgraded to continue to meet our statutory requirements. These are revenue costs paid for by ICT Commissioning. There are no capital costs as the system has already been implemented.

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2019-2020 extension = £151,194.11 and 2020-2021 extension = £155,906.72

Legal Implications

We are within the two year optional extension of the Liquidlogic contract, so this is within the remit of the contract that we have in place. When we award a new contract from April 2021, we will coordinate our plans with other strategic ICT developments in other Directorates.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The report was shared with Members of the CYPE Cabinet Committee for comment, prior to a decision being taken.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

If this contract is not extended, then the system and all its modules would not be supported by Liquidlogic which would be a major safeguarding and Ofsted risk.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None



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signed

13/05/20

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date

