

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

- Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services
- Date:** 16 Sep 2013
- Decision in the matter of:** Key Dec CE13/14 - 2 Children's Rights and Participation Contract
- Decision:** That approval be given for the contract for the delivery of a Children's Rights and Participation Service being awarded to The Children's Society for a period of three years with a possible extension thereafter of up to a further two years, as detailed in the tender documents, and for the contract to commence on or before 1 December 2013.
- Background:** In May of this year a tender was prepared and issued for the procurement of a Children's Rights and Participation Service. This service will include **Advocacy** for our Cared for Children, Children in Need (including disabled children) and children subject to child protection planning); **Independent Visitor's** for our Cared for Children and **Participation Services** for all Cheshire East children & young people. An important emphasis of the participation service will be supporting our most vulnerable children to effectively engage in those services.
- The Children Act 1989 as amended(2004), establishes in law children's rights to participation in decisions regarding their care and requires Local Authorities to ascertain the wishes of a child in need about the provision of suitable services and to give those wishes due consideration before determining what (if any) services to provide.
- Following the conduct of the tender exercise which included written submissions being evaluated by a group of appropriate professionals within the Local Authority and interviews conducted by a professionals panel and a young people's panel, a decision has been made as to the successful bid and a notice of intention to award the contract to The Children's Society. The decision notified states that a contract is intended to be awarded for a period of 3 years plus a possible extension of a further two years.
- Background** The background documents relating to this matter are not available

Documents: for public inspection as they are considered exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Rachel Bailey
Cabinet Member for Children and Families

Date: 16 September 2013

**Advising
Officer:**

Signed
Alison Ellison
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