

# 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  
Commissioning Manager