

Notice of Meeting

Cabinet Member for Children and Families Decisions

**Date & time**

Wednesday, 24
April 2013 at
2.30 pm

Place

Room G8, County
Hall, Kingston upon
Thames, Surrey
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Elected Members

Mrs Mary Angell

AGENDA**1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**2a Members' Questions**

The deadline for Member's questions is 12pm four working days before the meeting (18 April 2013).

2b Public Questions

The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (17 April 2013).

2c Petitions

The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, and no petitions have been received.

3 AWARD OF EXTENSION OF SHORT BREAK CONTRACTS

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- 6)

The County Council has a Statutory duty to deliver Short Break services for disabled Children and Young People and their families across the County of Surrey. The Council currently spends £3.4m pounds per annum on Short Break services delivered by a number of providers.

During 2009/10 the Aiming High programme increased the number and variety of Short Breaks services available across the County and developed the range of providers able to deliver short break services to disabled children. A number of these contracts expired at the end of March 2013 and this paper outlines the proposed extension of these contracts, as well as describing the future review of commissioning these services.

The Cabinet Member is asked to agree the extension of the contracts with Disability Challengers and White Lodge for 12 months, until 31 March 2014. Following a Joint Strategic Review working with health partners in Clinical Commissioning Groups taking place during 2013/14, a competitive procurement process will be undertaken and award new contracts to be in place from 1 April 2014.

4 BLOCK CONTRACT FOR 20 INDEPENDENT FOSTER PLACEMENTS

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- 12)

The County Council has a statutory duty to provide suitable alternative accommodation for children that become Looked After either under Section 20 or 31 of the Children Act. These placements will be approved Foster Placements or Residential Care and are provided within the Council's own in-house resources or via the Independent Sector.

As part of this provision Surrey County Council has a Block Contract for 20 placements with Hillcrest Care Ltd. This provider is an Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) providing independent foster carers. The County Council wishes to continue with the Block Contract for 20 placements for the financial year 2013-2014, at the existing value of £706,420.

David McNulty
Chief Executive

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