

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 17 September 2013

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 10991)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SUBJECT:	COMMISSIONING OF SHORT BREAK SERVICES
AUTHOR:	Alison Elliott

### THE DECISION

- (i) To delegate authority to the People Director to begin a procurement process for the provision of short break services as set out in this report and to enter into contracts in accordance with contract procedure rules.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the People Director to begin a grants process to develop community based short break activities and to award grants in consultation with the cabinet member for children's services.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the People Director, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, to approve a spend of the amounts set out in this report against the new contracts and grants subject to annual budget setting.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The Council has a statutory duty under Section 2 of the Chronically Sick & Disabled Person's Act (CSDPA) 1970 to meet the assessed needs of all persons with disabilities. Further, the Council has a statutory duty under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to meet the assessed needs of children and young people with disabilities.
2. New legislation came into force in April 2011, the 'Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011' place local authorities under a duty to provide a range of short break services to meet the needs of the local population and assist carers to continue to provide care to their child or to do so more effectively.
3. The Government White Paper 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say' directs organisations to provide better prevention services, earlier intervention and more support for people with long-term support needs and their family carers.
4. The contracts and grants will support the Council to meet the needs of families in Southampton and also to achieve best value for money.

**DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The Council could decide not to go out to the market to tender for short break services and instead invest the funding internally. This option has been rejected as it would not be possible to develop the range, volume and variety of provision required within timescales. It would also not make best use of the significant expertise in the city from voluntary sector organisations to provide short break services.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 17 September 2013

Decision Maker: The Cabinet

Proper Officer: Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*