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**To: Procurement Sub Committee**

**On: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

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**Report by:**

**Joint Report  
by  
The Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services**

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## **Contract Authorisation Report: Provision of Functional Family Therapy**

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### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Procurement Sub-Committee to award the Contract for the Provision of Functional Family Therapy.
  - 1.2 This procurement exercise was carried out prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016, and has been conducted in accordance with the procedure for a negotiated contract under the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts – Social Work and the requirements for Part B Services Contracts under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012.
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### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Procurement Sub Committee authorise:
  - a) The Head of Corporate Governance to award the contract for the Provision of Functional Family Therapy to Action for Children Services Limited.
  - b) The contract value is £1,439,807.33 excluding VAT.

- c) The contract is anticipated to commence on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016 for a period of three (3) years with the Council option to extend for one (1) year on two separate occasions.

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### **3. Background**

3.1 As part of the Achieving Step Change Project, Renfrewshire Council agreed to investigate and deliver evidence based programmes to improve outcomes for children and young people in Renfrewshire Council area. One of the programmes identified as being appropriate for implementation was Functional Family Therapy.

3.2 Functional Family Therapy is an evidence based programme aimed at improving the outcomes for young people aged 11-18 who are demonstrating significant behavioural difficulties including involvement in offending, violence and substance misuse.

3.3 Functional Family Therapy can only be delivered by staff trained and approved by the programme developers and owners, Functional Family Therapy Inc. Action for Children Services Limited are the only UK based provider of this service and on this basis, approval to enter in to a negotiated contract with Action for Children Services Limited for Functional Family Therapy was given in February 2016 in accordance Contract Standing Orders 12.2 (c)

*“where the HOPAC is satisfied that for reasons of technical complexity or compatibility or for reasons connected to the protection of exclusive rights, subsequent deliveries of equipment or goods or the provision of services or works require to be purchased from the original supplier;”*

3.4 Documentation was issued to Action for Children Services Limited on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, their submission was received on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

3.5 Action for Children Services Limited submission was assessed by representatives from the Corporate Procurement Unit and Children’s Services, and was considered acceptable on both technical and commercial grounds

3.6 Action for Children have committed to provide the following community benefits directly linked to the delivery of this contract:

- 1 volunteering opportunity per annum;
- 2 school workshops per annum;
- 1 community event per annum;
- 1 practice awareness day per annum on Functional Family Therapy; and
- 1 joint training event per annum on safeguarding/child protection/neglect

## Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The financial status of the recommended Provider has been assessed and satisfied the Council's requirements
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None
3. **Community Planning** - see details of Community Benefits associated with the delivery of this contract at paragraph 3.6 above.

**Children and Young People** – The service provided is a family based intensive intervention programme aimed at improving outcomes for young people aged 11-18 years.

**Community Care, Health & Well-being** – This early intervention will improve the well-being of young people and the community in which they live

4. **Legal** - The tendering procedures for the establishment of this Contract were in accordance with Renfrewshire Council's Standing orders Relating to Contracts and the requirements of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012, as amended.
5. **Property Assets** - None.
6. **Information Technology** – None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website
8. **Health & Safety** – the submission received was assessed by Renfrewshire Council's Health and Safety Officers. The recommended Provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is considered to meet the necessary requirements.
9. **Procurement** – The procurement procedures outlined within this report ensure that the Council meets its statutory requirements in respect of procurement procedures, efficiency and modern Government
10. **Risk** – Action for Children Services Limited submission was assessed by Renfrewshire Council's Risk Officer and meets the necessary requirements. The Functional Family Therapy service was the winner of the Council's Risk Management Award 2016.

11. **Privacy Impact** – In consultation with the Council's Information Governance Officers, Action for Children Services Limited confirmed compliance with the relevant procedures.
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**List of background papers**

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