

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

6TH JUNE 2012

SUBJECT:	APPROVED SCHEME OF DELEGATION – CONTRACTS EXCEEDING £50,000
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Members, in accordance with the Constitution of the Council, of those instances where delegated authority has been used by the Acting Director of Children's Services with respect to the acceptance of tenders and to the appointment of Contractors.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The following tenders and appointment of contractors have been accepted by the Acting Director of Children's Services under delegated authority.

Capital Contracts

These are schemes approved by Cabinet as part of the CYPD Capital Programme.

Date	Scheme Details	Contractor	Amount
13/04/12	Pensby High School for Girls – Sixth Form Refurbishment	North West Construction Ltd	£229330 (£38986 fees)

Children's Residential Care Placements

This budget makes provision for Independent Residential Care of Looked After Children. The placements not previously reported costing in excess of £50,000 per annum are listed below.

Start Date	Provider	Swift Reference	Annual Projected Cost
01/03/12	Barnardo's Fostering		£42640
04/05/12	New Reflections	152918	£207740
01/03/12	Inspire Children's Services	137948	£143000

Start Date	Provider	Swift Reference	Annual Projected Cost
11/03/12	Leeds City Council		£42775
14/03/12	Northumberland Council		£44047
24/04/12	Wilderness Experiences	70142	£241800
20/03/12	Good Foundations	410966	£116740
30/03/12	Nugent Care	156895	£260988
04/05/12	Oracle Care Ltd	191316	£225989
07/05/12	Dove Adolescent Services	3415	£202012
08/05/12	Milestones	100716	£116480

Link Forum Co-ordinator – Contract with Forum Housing - £30000

This Contract(for 12 months) funded through the Early Intervention Grant guarantees there is a worker in place to ensure the Voluntary, Community and Faith (VCF) sector's views are represented during the commissioning processes. In addition the Link Worker supports the following:

1. The implementation and further development of the Common Induction Programme across the Wirral Children's Workforce.
2. To support the development of Wirral Link Forum as a vehicle for multi-agency working within the governance structures of the Children's Trust.
3. To increase the role and contribution the voluntary, community and faith sector have in service planning, commissioning, policy development and consultation.
4. To develop mechanisms for disseminating information and good practice across the Voluntary Community and Faith and statutory sectors, contributing to the Health and Well-Being Board, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and any other strategies/plans for children and young people.
5. To support the voluntary and community sector in implementing Wirral Local Safeguarding Children Board's procedures and national safeguarding guidance.
6. Provide advice and support to CYPD during the commissioning cycle.
7. Report back to CYPD any concerns from the Voluntary, Community and faith sector, any concerns relating to policy development and implementation raised by or identified through dialogue with Link Forum members. Represent the voluntary, community and faith sector at the Children's Trust Board and other relevant meetings, at the discretion of Wirral Link Forum Co-chairs.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 The number of independent residential care placements increases the financial pressure on this budget, which has in previous years significantly overspent.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Decisions taken following tendering process or consideration of child's individual needs to identify the most cost effective response.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place with the appropriate bodies/partners before the decision is made.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 6.1 Voluntary, community and faith organisations are involved where appropriate.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 7.1 The financial implications are included in the regular monitoring reports to members.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Contractual agreements.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No – All decisions made under delegated authority by the Acting Director of Children's Services will have been made in accordance with the authority's equality and diversity policy.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Taking into consideration the needs of the child wherever possible the placements are made within the authority or as close to the authority as possible.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Any planning permission would have been completed prior to capital contracts being accepted.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 12.1 That the report be noted.

13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 13.1 To inform members of significant items of expenditure in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

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APPENDICES

There are no appendices for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Reference material not required for this report.

SUBJECT MATERIAL

Council Meeting	Date
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	21 st March 2012
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	26 th JANUARY 2012
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	20 th SEPTEMBER 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	1 st JUNE 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	15 th MARCH 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	26 th JANUARY 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	14 TH SEPTEMBER 2010
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	2 nd JUNE 2010