

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

11 SEPTEMBER 2012

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

### 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.

#### Out of Authority Placements

This budget makes education provision for a number of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) whose needs cannot be met in maintained schools. The placements not previously reported costing in excess of £50,000 per annum are listed below.

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Cost</b>
25/04/12	Chaigeley	AM	£64695
03/09/12	Peterhouse School	JC	£264510

#### 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.

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Swift Reference</b>	<b>Annual Projected Cost</b>
13/12/11	Independent Supported Living	155488	£68868
19/03/12	Supporting Futures	180491	£52592
25/05/12	Horizon Care	2322	£200200
10/05/12	Quality Protects Children	157770	£109200

06/06/12	Nugent Care		
22/06/12	Quality Protects Children		
25/06/12	Building Bridges		
06/06/12	European Lifestyles	156895	£209707
18/06/12	Considerate Care	189067	£114140
06/07/12	Pebbles Care	144995	£140398
10/07/12	Care Today	149995	£129999
10/07/12	Good Foundations	159286	£116740
13/07/12	Progressive Futures Care Ltd	116632	£103998
20/07/12	Eastfield Group	52393	£114139
25/07/12	Core Assets	487799	£51433

**Supply of School Milk Contract – Contract with Fresh Pastures - £166,666 (approximate value for 5 months)**

**Supply of Bread and Morning Goods Contract – Contract with Morris Quality Bakers Ltd - £18750 (approximate value for 5 months)**

The 2 contracts above were awarded following a procurement exercise undertaken in June 2012 using the TUCO Framework. Both contracts were awarded for 5 months to ensure that both providers satisfied the review requirements which would be considered every year in January. Based on this review the contract could be extended annually until January 2016. The current annual contract value is approximately £400,000 per annum for Milk and £45000 per annum for Bread and Morning Goods

**School Transport to Swimming Baths Contract – contract with Al’s Coaches - £150000**

It has been agreed to enact the option to extend for a further year the existing contract to transport pupils from various schools to 6 swimming venues across Wirral. The extension will be from September 2012 to July 2013.

### **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 – However all procured services are subject to equality impact assessment at the point of procurement.

## **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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## **APPENDICIES**

There are no appendices for this report.

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

Reference material not required for this report.

## SUBJECT MATERIAL

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2012
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2012
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	26 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	20 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	1 <sup>st</sup> JUNE 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	15 <sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	26 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	14 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	2 <sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2010