

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

21ST JANUARY 2013

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
04/01/2013	Raeburn Primary School – Classroom Extension	Mellwood Construction Ltd	£210847 (£35843.99 fees)

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.

Start Date	School	Ref	Cost
01/09/12	The Oracle School	MS	£241714
01/09/12	Talocher School	JE	£140000
01/09/12	Walton Progressive School	JT	£55601

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
07/09/12	Good Foundations	152523	£116740
10/10/12	Good Foundations	70142	£116740
08/11/12	Radical Services	153899	£166400
09/11/12	TACT Fostering	187874	£59072
09/11/12	Foster Cares Ltd	410590	£72800
25/11/12	Good Foundations	404876	£116740
27/11/12	Dove Adolescent Services	157770	£242060
28/11/12	Chrysalis Care (Family Assess)	490788	£56520

Supply of Hired Vehicles Contract – contract through the Merseyside Collaborative Contract - £100,000

The Integrated Transport Unit hires commercial vehicles for use by Departments and for best value a collaborative contract is procured on behalf of Merseyside Authorities. The contract starts on 17th September 2012 and ends on 16th September 2015. The main use of the contract is to hire light commercial vehicles.

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

Council Meeting	Date
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	11 th September 2012
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	6 th June 2012
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