

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

18 MARCH 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.

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
19/02/13	Cedar House School	JS	£73998

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
13/12/12	Inspire	137948	£122424
10/01/13	Afon Goch Children's Homes Ltd	404876	£208000
22/01/13	Headway Adolescent Services	14997	£223600
01/02/13	Horizon Care & Educ Group	483078	£293800
04/02/13	Crisis Care	191316	£239200

12/02/13	Care Assist Childrens Services	168591	£111748
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Renewal of the Removal of Clinical and Medical Waste from Schools Contract – contract arranged through collaborative procurement exercise undertaken by the public sector buying consortia - Contract approximately - £31,500 per year for 2 years

The contract is for the collection & disposal service of Clinical/Medical Waste, Nappy & Incontinence Waste disposal of Sharps, & Offensive Waste, from schools over a period of 2 years. It starts on 1st April 2013 and ends on 31st March 2015. The costs are shared between Schools and the Authority.

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	21 st January 2013
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

Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit (from May 2012)

Section 1: Your details

EIA lead Officer: Vivian Stafford

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Head of Section: Mal Street

Chief Officer: Julia Hassall

Department: CYPD

Date: 13/02/2013

Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed? Notification 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 for costs above £50000.

Section 2b: Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Overview & Scrutiny Committee?

Yes / No

If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

_____ No _____

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/children-young-people>

Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect..... (please tick relevant boxes)

- Services**
- The workforce**
- Communities**
- Other** (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

- None** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 4: Does the proposal have the potential to maintain or enhance the way the Council (please tick relevant boxes)

- Eliminates unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Advances equality of opportunity
- Fosters good relations between groups of people

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 5.

- No** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 5:

Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any of the protected groups (race, gender, disability, gender reassignment, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership)?

You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.

Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.

Which group(s) of people could be affected	Potential positive or negative impact	Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact	Lead person	Timescale	Resource implications

Section 5a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

Section 5b: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

Section 6: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

Section 7: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

Yes / No – (please delete as appropriate)

If 'yes' please continue to section 8.

If 'no' please state your reason(s) why:

(please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 8: How will consultation take place and by when?

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal requirements. The EIA will be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 5. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk for re-publishing.

Section 9: Have you remembered to:

- a) **Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts? (section 5)**
- b) **Send this EIA to your Head of Service for approval.**
- c) **Review section 5 once consultation has taken place and sent your completed EIA to your Head of Service for approval then to your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**