

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2nd JUNE 2010

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

APPROVED SCHEME OF DELEGATION – CONTRACTS EXCEEDING £50,000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 Director of Children's Services with respect to the acceptance of tenders and to the appointment of Contractors.

1.0 Capital contracts

1.1 School's Capital Funding for 2009-10 was approved by Cabinet on 28th May 2009. Tenders for capital contracts in excess of £50,000 are listed below.

Scheme	Contractor	Amount £
Raeburn Primary School - Extension	North West Construction UK Ltd	£198,000
Somerville Primary School – Staffroom Extension	North West Construction UK Ltd	£73,860
Oaklands Centre - Improvements	JFW Construction Ltd	£342,156
Heygarth Primary Sch – Horsa Kitchen	KGM Bld Contractors Ltd	£268,296
Wallasey Fire Station Alteration	Whitfield & Brown Ltd	£364,186
Gayton Primary Sch - Remodelling	EJ Horrocks Ltd	£406,868
Gilbrook Relocation to Arrowe Hill Prim-Windows	WPF Windows	£141,000
Gilbrook Relocation to Arrowe Hill Prim-Internal Decoration	North West Construction UK Ltd	£32,997 £25,445 £32,178
West Kirby Children's Centre – New Extension	JFW Construction Ltd	£175,000
Greasby Library – New Children's Centre	Horrock's Construction	£226,975
Greasby Infs – Proposed Single Storey Extension PVI	North West Construction UK Ltd	£75,000
Irby Primary – Replacement of Existing Mobile -PVI	Danzer Ltd	£277,634
New Brighton Children's Centre – Caretakers Hse Refurb	North West Construction UK Ltd	£172,250

1.2 DCSF Targeted Capital for School Kitchens and Dining Facilities

A grant of £454,316 (on a 50% matched funding basis) was offered by the DCSF to improve the take up of school lunches to meet one or more of the following goals:

a. Improving the quality of the food

- b. Increasing the seating capacity of dining areas
- c. Improving the dining environment
- d. Decreasing queuing times

Plans were approved by the Schools Forum to increase meal take up, this will include work at 93 Primary Schools and 5 Special Schools and 1 High School.

2.0 Contract for Services to Children and Young People in a Range of High Risk Categories

This service is part of the Statutory Duty of the Local Safeguarding Board (LSB) and the Children and Young People's Department (CYPD).

The service will provide:

- The initial clarification of, and where required, provision of direct work with children who are at risk of sexual exploitation.
- A specialist assessment of and where necessary provision of direct work with children who have sexually harmful behaviours and who pose further risks to other children.
- The initial clarification of referral onto Children and Young People's Department Social Care of children who run away from home/care where there is a pattern on running away that may give cause for concern.

Following a commissioning process the contract for £169000 was awarded to Barnardos for services up until March 2011.

3.0 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.

2009-10 Out of Authority Placements

Start Date	School	Ref	Cost
17.09.09	Clarence High School	JA	£ 59,067
01.02.09	Eden Grove School	JE	£164,769
14.04.10	Olsen House School	DH	£ 53,202
14.04.10	Olsen House School	JH	£ 53,202
02.09.09	Peterhouse School	RM	£ 59,166

4.0 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
14.08.09	Good Foundations	138276	£ 118,524
22.09.09	SWISS Foster Care	185854	£ 50,854
09.02.10	Nugent Care - secure	10116	£ 255,892

23.04.10	Horizon Care	422911	£	211,484
11.08.09	Care Today	190224	£	113,116
09.11.09	Good Foundations	151633	£	118,524
10.12.09	Good Foundations	76882	£	118,524
19.10.09	Aldine House Secure	109809	£	245,700
31.10.09	New Pathways	138945	£	144,300
08.07.09	Good Foundations	27665	£	118,524
06.10.09	New Pathways	446492	£	144,333
04.01.2010	MCJA (Semi)	400537	£	128,441
16.11.09	Good Foundations Ltd (Semi)	22173	£	73,968
26.03.10	MCJA (Semi)	38335	£	111,800
15.03.10	New Pathways (Semi)	24431	£	74,878
03.03.10	Good Foundations Ltd	118672	£	118,524
08.03.10	New Pathways	67819	£	144,279
17.03.10	Good Foundations	168022	£	118,524
06.04.10	SCS Kinder	441260	£	192,400
19.04.10	Kremlin Care	134795	£	104,000

5.0 Extension to Existing Contracts

A contract with a value of more than £50,000 has been extended for 12 months (1st April 2010 -31 March 2011):

Contract with Wirral Resource Centre and Toy Library

Children's Special Needs Support Service £54,248

Wirral Resource Centre and Toy Library will continue to offer a support service to families with children under five years of ages with a disability.

6.0 Financial, Staffing, Equal Opportunities/Health Impact Assessment, Community Safety, Local Agenda 21, Planning, Anti-poverty, Social Inclusion and Local Member Support Implications.

There are no implications arising out of this report.

7.0 Background Papers

There are none.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report is noted.

Howard Cooper
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