

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 14th SEPTEMBER 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 2010-11 was approved by Cabinet on 22 July 2010. Tenders for capital contracts in excess of £50,000 are listed below.

Scheme	Contractor	Amount £
Demolition of Pensby Junior School	North West Construction UK Ltd	£68582.80 + fees £6172.45
Boiler Renewal at Pensby Park and Gayton Primary	DCI Plumbing	£152907
Boiler Renewal at Irby Primary and Greasby Junior	Atherton & Partners	£144660
Stanton Road Primary – PVI mobile replacement	Terrapin	£253557.80 + fees £19016.94

2.0 Contract for Positive Activities for Young People

Contract with Youth Federation

£54500

To develop high quality programmes of diversionary youth support activities for young people aged 8 – 19 years. The activity programmes support the implementation of the Integrated Youth Support Strategy by use of planned group work. Planned work will seek to engage with young people who are at risk of offending or causing a nuisance, vulnerable young people, young people at risk, young people involved in risk taking behaviour and young people involved in substance misuse.

The provision will respond to District needs and maximise the opportunities provided through joint planning with other partners and develop existing provision, by setting up programmes in each of the four Districts within Wirral, namely Birkenhead, Wallasey, South Wirral and West Wirral.

3.0 Transport of Pupils to Swimming Baths

Tenders were received for the transport of pupils to swimming baths and the contract has been awarded to Happy Als for the period of September 2010 to July 2011. The contract value is £127700 and these costs will be paid by schools using the service.

4.0 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
29.06.10	Underley Hall School	DO	£ 147,380
24.05.10	West Kirby Residential School	PB	£ 54,617
30.06.10	Wings School	LR	£ 102,930

5.0 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
30.04.10	Good Foundations	153332	£ 118,524
13.05.10	Quality Protects Children	108765	£ 115,143
26.04.10	New Reflexions	157770	£ 239,046
28.05.10	Good Foundations	77568	£ 98,987
03.08.10	Good Foundations	155090	£ 75,217
13.07.10	Care Today	8396	£ 112,942
20.07.10	Considerate Care	3415	£ 80,274
16.07.10	Good Foundations	88655	£ 80,753

6.0 Extension to Existing Contracts

The following contract with a value of more than £50,000 has been extended by 7 months from 1st September 2010 to 31st March 2011:

Contract with SCS Kinder

Advocacy Services for Looked After Children £36,141

The advocacy service is available to children and young people aged 0 – 24 years who have requested the services of an advocate, and who are Looked After and placed in a residential home or foster placement on Wirral or outside of the Council's geographical boundaries, Care Leavers or former Service Users and those remanded in care or custody and are detained in secure accommodation. The previous contract was £61,956 and with the extension is £98,097.

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

Contract with WIRED

Independent Visiting Service for Looked After Children £42,000

The Service is intended to benefit Looked After Children and Young People, specifically targeted at those Looked after Children and Young People placed out of borough and on Wirral aged 6 to 21 years, who have not been visited by either a parent or person with parental responsibility for them during the previous six months. The previous contract was £42,000 and with the extension is £84,000.

7.0 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.

8.0 Background Papers

There are none.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report is noted.

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