

**CABINET REFERRALS
–9 DECEMBER 2010**

MATTERS FOR NOTING

259 CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL SUPPORT

The Interim Director of Adult Social Services presented a report seeking authority to tender for the provision of Personal Support to people in their own homes and Support to people living in registered Residential and Nursing Home accommodation in Wirral. The revised Contracts focused on outcomes for people and were set in the context of the broader transformation agenda for Adult Social Care and the recommendations of the Task Force (Minute 242 refers). The new Contracts were considered essential to improving safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable people, providing better value for money and offering more choices for people to enable them to take control over their own lives.

Councillor Bob Moon, portfolio holder, thanked the Interim Director and his team, for their hard work in progressing this matter.

Councillor Holbrook endorsed these comments and asked for the Cabinet's approval to waive the call-in period.

The Director of Law, HR and Asset Management, advised that the waiving of the call-in on the grounds that the delay would seriously prejudice the Council's interests required the approval of both the Cabinet and the Interim Chief Executive.

The Interim Chief Executive gave his approval to the waiving of the call-in.

RESOLVED:

(1) That Cabinet authorises the Interim Director of Adult Social Services to implement the Contracting arrangements as set out in paragraphs 7 and 17.

(2) That Cabinet instructs the Interim Director of Adult Social Services to continue dialogue with providers.

(3) That Cabinet instructs the Interim Director of Adult Social Services to advise providers that the Council will continue to benchmark charges to compare the fees paid with those of neighbouring authorities and retain these in broad alignment with the North West regional average, whilst continuing to ensure high quality and value for money.

(3) That the Council supports providers, including independent, community, voluntary and faith organisations, to develop partnerships which will be enable them to benefit from opportunities presented as personal budgets are rolled out and improve and enhance outcomes for vulnerable people.

(4) That Cabinet instructs the Interim Director of Adult Social Services to develop a robust quality assurance, inspection and monitoring framework,

building on the rating criteria currently in use. This to ensure that the most vulnerable people in Wirral are safeguarded and outcomes enhanced with rigorous measures put in place to monitor provider standards to ensure that they are retained, and wherever possible improved.

(5) That the outcome of these enhancements be included in the Service Improvement Plan.

(6) That call-in on this matter be waived to allow the tender process to proceed immediately.

260 BIDSTON MOSS VIADUCT UPDATE AND DOCKS LINK ROADS RESURFACING

The Director of Technical Services submitted a report summarising current progress of the works to strengthen the Bidston Moss Viaduct.

Additionally, the report requested authorisation pursuant to Contract Procedure Rule 5.2 for a contract to be awarded by the Council to Costain Limited, the contractor undertaking the viaduct repair works, on a single tender basis, to carry out resurfacing activities on the Council's highway network adjacent to the viaduct site.

RESOLVED; That

- (1) the current position regarding progress of the strengthening works at Bidston Moss Viaduct be noted; and**
- (2) the acceptance of a single tender from Costain Ltd in the sum of £832,553, for the construction of carriageway resurfacing works Approach and Bidston Link Roads be approved, and that this be reported to Council pursuant to Contract Procedure Rule 5.2.**