

WIRRAL COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
26 JANUARY 2011

SUBJECT:	APPROVED SCHEME OF DELEGATION – CONTRACTS EXCEEDING £50,000
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR SHEILA CLARKE
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 Interim Director of Children's Services with respect to the acceptance of tenders and to the appointment of Contractors.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 2.1** That the report be noted.

3.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 3.1** To comply with the Council's constitution.

4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1** The following tenders and appointment of contractors have been accepted by the Interim Director of Children's Services under delegated authority.

Capital Contracts

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 £
Townfield Primary School – New Classroom Base/Link Corridor Fire Alarm	Whitfield and Brown	£246074.89
Christchurch C of E Primary, Birkenhead – New Roof	MAC Roofing	£190000
Grove Street Primary - Refurbishment of the Smiley Centre to Children's Centre Facility	JFW Construction	£129958
Park Primary PCP – ICT contract award	RM Education PLC	£300427.80

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.

2010/11 Out of Authority Placements				
Start Date	School	Ref		Cost
29.11.10	Olsen House School	OC		£ 57,198
30.11.10	Olsen House School	SG		£ 57,198
13.10.10	Wings School	RM		£ 102,930

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
02.08.10	Inspire Children's Service	76482	£ 143000
13.08.10	Foster Care Associates	463445	£ 51433
24.08.10	Nugent Care	108765	£ 260988
13.09.10	New Pathways	155488	£ 144333
17.09.10	Adventure Care	3415	£ 192141
06.10.10	Good Foundations	180491	£ 118674
15.10.10	MCJA Supporting Future	118672	£ 122718
22.10.10	New Focus (Fostering)	181621	£ 70302
01.11.10	Considerate Care	85937	£ 114186
03.11.10	Nugent Care	465087	£ 260988
29.10.10	Care Today	137948	£ 143244

5.0 RELEVANT RISKS

5.1 Independent Residential Care costs are £2.1million in excess of the budget as stated in the monthly budget monitoring reports.

6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 Decisions taken following tendering process or consideration of child's individual needs to identify the most cost effective response.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has taken place with the appropriate bodies/partners before the decision is made.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

8.1 Voluntary, community and faith organisations are involved where appropriate.

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

9.1 See 5.1 Relevant Risks.

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Contractual agreements.

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Decisions about independent residential care placements will have been made in accordance with the authority's quality and diversity policy.

12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 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.

13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 Any planning permission would have been completed prior to capital contracts being accepted.

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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	14 TH SEPTEMBER 2010
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	2 ND JUNE 2010
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	17 TH SEPTEMBER 2009