

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

15TH MARCH 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.

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
05.01.11	Walton Progressive School	JR		£ 72,891

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
07.02.2011	Good Foundations	8184	£ 118524
08.02.2011	Alliance Care & Education	464928	£ 134940

Safeguarding -Contract with Barnardos - £169,000

This is a contract to provide a comprehensive service for children and young people in a range of risk categories e.g. children at risk of sexual exploitation; direct work with children who have sexually harmful behaviours and young runaways

This service is intended to benefit children and young people in Wirral and where appropriate looked after children placed outside the physical boundaries of the Council. The contract for £169000 was awarded for a 12 month period to 31st March 2011 and has recently been extended for 3 months.

5.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 5.1 Independent Residential Care costs are £2.2 million 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 equality 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 appendicies for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Reference material not required for this report.

SUBJECT MATERIAL

Council Meeting	Date
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	26 th JANUARY 2011
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