

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

1ST JUNE 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
28.03.11	Olsen House School	KA		£ 57210

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
17.02.2011	Milestones	137948	£ 106049
18.04.2011	Good Foundations	41621	£ 118524
22.03.2011	Aycliffe Secure	118672	£ 64848
28.03.2011	Wilderness Experience	108765	£ 241800

5.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 5.1 The number of independent residential care placements increases the financial pressure on this budget, which has in previous years significantly overspent.

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	15 th March 2011
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