

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

20TH SEPTEMBER 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 ANN McLACHLAN
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

These are schemes approved by Cabinet as part of the CYPD Capital Programme.

Date	Scheme Details	Contractor	Amount
22/2/11	Pensby Park Co-location office	North West Construction	£278,849 (£47,404 fees)
10/3/11	Cathcart Street Primary	Mac Roofing	£160,000 (£18,400 fees)
10/3/11	Cathcart Street Primary	JPF Systems	£57,700
6/5/11	Rosclare Children's Home	Globe Manage Services	£472,510
6/5/11	Rosclare Children's Home	Studio 3 Architects	£79,618
1/6/11	Woodchurch High Engineering Block	Whitfield & Brown	£258,606.18 (£38,000 fees)
31/7/11	Well Lane, co-location office	Whitfield & Brown	£94,574.19 (£16,077 fees)

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.

2011/12 Out of Authority Placements				
Start Date	School	Ref		Cost
23/05/11	Olsen House School	AW		£57201
24/05/11	Olsen House School	LO		£57201
07/07/11	Whinfell School	GE		£195000
01/09/11	St Mary's School	AW		£59400

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
28/04/11	Good Foundations	47475	£118560
12/05/11	Keys Child Care	183241	£130000
23/06/11	SCS Kinder	70142	£166400
07/07/11	Inspire Children's Services	170045	£130000
22/07/11	Crystal Care Solutions	68353	£202540
25/07/11	Good Foundations	134795	£118560
03/08/11	New Pathways	431918	£144351

10/08/11	Milestones	31294	£106030
12/08/11	Inspire Children's Services	416333	£143000
16/08/11	Keys Care	178615	£166400

Contracts for Provision of Services for Children's Centres

Parental Mental Health Project – Contract with Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust - £110000

Wirral Children's Centres have an ongoing agreement with Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust known as CHICC which provides additional support for parents with mental health issues through specialist parenting programmes with childcare support. This contract has been in place for approximately 9 years in different formats and has been recently reduced in size by 50% as a first step towards it being commissioned under the Joint Commissioning Framework in 2012. The Contract is from 1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012. The funding has been allocated from the Early Intervention Grant as part of the Children's Centre's service delivery for parents for children under the age of 5 years.

Home Safety Equipment Scheme –Contract with Mersey Fire Network - £50000

During 2010, Wirral Children's Centres established a Home Safety Equipment Scheme which includes a home safety assessment and safety equipment both supplied and fitted in the home for families in receipt of income related benefits. This was funded through central government funding and administered by RoSPA. Due to success of the scheme (accident figures have dropped and Children's Centre registration figures have risen) a contract has been agreed to continue the work for a further year until 31st March 2012. The funding has been allocated from the Early Intervention Grant as part of the Children's Centre's service delivery plan. A full evaluation of the scheme will be completed as part of the future planning for this service.

Transport to Wirral Swimming Pools – Contract with Al's Coaches Ltd - £149820

Through the Council procurement process the Department procures transport to six Wirral swimming pools for schools. The contract has been let for one year September 2011 - July 2012 with an optional extension of one year. The cost of the contract is charged directly to schools at a charge per trip by the contractor.

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 The financial implications are included in the regular monitoring reports to members.

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 appendices for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Reference material not required for this report.

SUBJECT MATERIAL

Council Meeting	Date
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	1 st June 2011
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