

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

26TH JANUARY 2012

SUBJECT:	APPROVED SCHEME OF DELEGATION – CONTRACTS EXCEEDING £50,000
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
REPORT OF:	ACTING 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 Acting 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 Acting 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
21/09/11	Ridgeway High School – Roof Refurbishment	Mac Roofing	£104,600 (£7,845 fees)
28/12/11	Poulton Primary School – Demolition of Former School	North West Construction UK Ltd	£66,360 (£5,972.40 fees)
05/12/11	The Woodlands Primary School – New Extension and External Works	Winstanley & Son Ltd	£353,244 (£60,51 fees)

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
27/06/11	MCJA Supporting Futures	464606	£145600
18/08/11	Eastmoor Secure	464928	£263900
23/08/11	Good Foundations	110712	£118560
24/08/11	Wings School	462055	£162270
26/08/11	MCJA Supporting Futures	118672	£101400
30/08/11	New Reflections	118675	£55639
12/09/11	Foster Cares Ltd	416333	£63383
27/10/11	Wilderness Experience	110951	£241801
27/10/11	New Reflections	152918	£201506
31/10/11	SCS Kinder	120838	£166400
04/11/11	Peterborough City Council	3415	£293384
11/11/11	Good Foundations	406540	£118560
19/12/11	New Pathways	177253	£123341
19/12/11	New Pathways	83142	£123341

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.

Is an EIA required? No

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	20 th September 2011
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