

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>APPROVED SCHEME OF DELEGATION – CONTRACTS EXCEEDING £50,000</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<i>All</i>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### 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 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 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
02/02/12	Overchurch Infant School – Replacement of HORSAs Kitchen	K & C	£635237.02 (£111637.92 fees) plus IT/FF&Equip £20000

#### 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.

Start Date	School	Ref	Cost
20/02/12	Peterhouse School	LL	£117770

## **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.

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Swift Reference</b>	<b>Annual Projected Cost</b>
13/11/09	Foster Care Associates (Continuation)	167725	£70230
19/12/11	MCJA Supporting Futures	168591	£96200
30/12/11	Keys Child Care	179028	£179400
14/01/12	Keys Child Care	85937	£135200
31/01/12	Quality Products Children Ltd	464928	£114400
03/02/12	Northumberland County Council	183241	£286318
10/02/12	St Helens Council	109809	£218432
13/02/12	Care Today	118675	£130000
18/02/12	New Focas	417324	£70304

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

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

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

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

### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 6.1 Voluntary, community and faith organisations are involved where appropriate.

### **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

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

### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Contractual agreements.

### **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No – All decisions made under delegated authority by the Acting Director of Children’s Services will have been made in accordance with the authority’s equality and diversity policy.

## **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

**10.1** 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.

## **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

**12.1** That the report be noted.

## **13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

**13.1** To inform members of significant items of expenditure in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

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## **APPENDICES**

There are no appendices for this report.

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

Reference material not required for this report.

## **SUBJECT MATERIAL**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	26 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	20 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	1 <sup>st</sup> JUNE 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	15 <sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	26 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011
CYPD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	14 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010

