

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	23 January 2013
Title:	Children's Services Procurement Activities for 2013/14
Reference:	4345
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to gain approval to procure and spend in relation to contracts and frameworks listed in Appendix 1 whose value will be over £1,000,000 in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing orders and Constitution.

1.2 This paper seeks to

- Give relevant information on the procurement activities of Children's Services
- Requests approval to procure services and spend for contracts which require approval by the Executive Member as they have a value, or estimated value, in excess of £1 million. Contextual information is detailed in appendix 1

1.3. The County Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSO 3) requires that '*The commencement of a procurement process for a Contract is subject to the prior approval of the relevant decision maker who has the authority to give such approval under the Constitution.*' This report requests approval to procure the framework agreements and approval to procure and spend for contracts which require approval by the Executive Lead Member as they have a value, or estimated value, in excess of £1 million.

1.4. Children's Services procures relevant services on a regular basis. In advance of each procurement activity, operational and procurement staff work together to establish:

- Whether services need to continue to be procured

- Which procurement route offers the best value
- Which contract type is the most appropriate
- Which importance should be given to quality and to price for contract award decisions.

1.5. Framework agreements are not linked to specific one-off purchases or projects but provide for the ongoing services requirements of a large number of individual budget holders, either through direct call-offs or mini-competitions as required by each framework agreement. Therefore, the framework agreement values are only estimates and actual expenditure will be determined by the actual commitments made by budget holders. Framework agreements therefore only require Approval to Procure and not Approval to Spend. However approval to procure and spend will be required in relation to each separate contract called-off under the framework given that those contracts will include contractual obligations in relation to payment for services. Likewise, approval to procure and spend will be required in relation to any other contracts which are to be procured individually and have not been called-off under a framework agreement.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. To give approval to procure and spend in relation to the contracts and frameworks listed in Appendix 1 whose value will be over £1,000,000 in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders and Constitution.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. Equality impact assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified. The current Corporate Procurement Strategy aims to improve the equalities performance of external suppliers where appropriate and the Strategy has been subject to an equalities impact assessment.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The current Corporate Procurement Strategy recognises that community cohesion, safety and security is a key part of the County Council's corporate priorities. The Strategy aims to continue to identify where procurement can ensure that appropriate contracts include provisions for crime and disorder reduction and that procurement arrangements do not have an adverse impact on community safety issues.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. The current Corporate Procurement Strategy does not have a direct impact on the Council's carbon footprint and energy consumption, although it aims to improve the Council's performance on sustainable procurement.

Appendix 1

Project title	Contract / Framework term and target start date	Anticipated County Council value over term*	Anticipated total value over term*	Approval Required
Adult and Community Learning Funding for this service is via a grant from the Skills Funding Agency.	1 September 2013, 1 year framework / block contracts plus a 1 year extension.	£4.6m	£4.6m	Procure and Spend
Support Services to Early Education and Childcare Providers Supporting the work of Services for Young Children. Delivering support services to approx. 700 settings and 2000 childminders to improve outcomes for children. The approval to procure was granted by last years report but was delayed so new approvals are being sought.	1 April 2014, 2 years framework plus three 1 year extensions.	£7.5m	£7.5m	Procure
Care Support to Children with Disabilities Care support to children and young people with disabilities in their home or other locations. The approval to procure was granted by last year's report and is on track for a 1 July 2013 start. Further approval is being sought due to the growing value.	1 July 2013, 2 years framework plus two one year extensions.	£6m	£6m	Procure
Residential and SEN Placements. This service is due to be tendered with 14 other	1 st April 2014, 2 years plus three one year	£100m	£700m	Procure and Spend

Authorities as a collaborative project. The total spend per annum will be approximately £140m.	extensions.			
Specialist Accommodation Services for 16+. This service will be used to place young people in care with either high or complex needs and/or challenging behaviour, that cannot be accommodated in current commissioned services. This need for this service is due to changes in legislation from the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 and young people entering care via S20 CA89 (Southwark cases)	1 st April 2014, 3 years plus two one year extensions	£1.75m	Discussions will take place with other Authorities with a view to collaborating.	Procure and Spend

*Anticipated spend is subject to the budgets available.