

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	23 March 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Children's Services Procurement Activities for 2012/13
<b>Reference:</b>	3504
<b>Report From:</b>	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 background information on the procurement activities of Children's Services
- Requests approval to procure and 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

2.1. 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 for 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.

2.2. 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.

2.3 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 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**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	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 start date	Anticipated County Council value over term	Anticipated total value over term*	Approval required / project update
<p><b>Support Services to Early Education and Childcare Providers.</b> This contract supports the work of Services for Young children and has been in place for a number of years. It is fundamental to the service delivery of good quality early years and childcare provision in Hampshire. The support is delivered to 700 approved providers of early years education and 2000 childminders. Support for 51 Children's Centres is also being considered. This work improves the Foundation Stage Profile outcomes for all children in Hampshire. The option to procure with Southampton City Council to potentially offer collaboration and efficiency savings is currently being explored.</p>	1 April 2013, 2 years plus three one year extensions.	£7.5m	£8.5m	Approval to Spend, Approval to Procure
<p><b>Care Support (Domiciliary Care) to Disabled Children.</b> This service is currently delivered by an Approved List of Providers which will come to an end either July 2012 or July 2013.</p>	July 2012, 2 years framework plus 2 years	£2.8m	£3.6m	Approval to Procure
<p><b>Over-night Short Breaks for Disabled Children and Young People.</b> This service is currently delivered by a Framework of providers which ends March 2013. The service</p>	1 April 2013, 2 years plus three one year extensions.	£2.85m	Health currently contribute funding to	Approval to Procure

provides approx 1900 bed nights per annum and is part of the overall short break menu of services.			services.	
<b>Youth Support Services.</b> This service is currently grant funded to Providers until March 2013.	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013, 2 years plus two one year extensions.	£1.8m	Discussions will take place with District & Borough Councils	Approval to Procure, Approval to Spend
<b>Supported Lodgings.</b> This service is currently delivered by a contracted Provider, this contract ends on March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2013. A new service is to be commissioned jointly with Adults Services.	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013, 2 years plus two one year extensions.	£2.3m	£2.3	Approval to Procure, Approval to Spend
<b>Prevention of Offending Fostering Service.</b> This contract expires in June 2013 and will be re-tendered in the coming financial year. This is currently procured with Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council and the Isle of Wight. This collaborative approach will be explored for the future contract.	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2013, 3 years plus two one year extensions	£1.3m	£1.6m	Approval to Procure, Approval to Spend

\*Anticipated spend is subject to the budgets available.