

To: Procurement Sub Committee

On: 30th November 2016

Report by:

**Joint Report
by
The Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services**

Contract Authorisation Report: Provision of a Pupil Support Programme

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Procurement Sub-Committee to award a Contract for the Provision of a Pupil Development Programme.
 - 1.2 This procurement exercise has been conducted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Procurement Sub Committee authorise:
 - a) The Head of Corporate Governance to award the contract for the Provision of a Pupil Development Programme to Barnardo's.
 - b) The contract value is £366,630 excluding VAT.

- c) The contract is anticipated to commence on the 12th December 2016 for a period of 2 years 7 months to no later than 30th June 2019, the actual commencement date will be confirmed in the Council's Letter of Acceptance.
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3. Background

- 3.1 As part of the Achieving Step Change Project, Renfrewshire Council agreed to investigate and deliver evidence based programmes to improve outcomes for children and young people in Renfrewshire. One of the programmes identified as being appropriate for implementation was Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies.
- 3.2 Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) is an evidence based social and emotional learning developmental programme aimed at primary age children that teaches pro-social skills, emotional understanding, social problem solving and self-control.
- 3.3 PATHS can only be delivered by staff trained and approved by the programme developers. Barnardo's hold the UK licence for PATHS and have mapped this across Scottish Schools to meet the requirements within the Curriculum for Excellence, and on this basis, approval to enter in to a negotiated contract with Barnardo's for PATHS was given in April 2016 in accordance with Schedule 5, clause C.1 (c) Special Arrangements for Social Care Contracts of the Contract Standing Orders:
- "The Director of Social Work and the HOPAC together may decide, taking account of the subject matter and estimated value of the contract, the specifics of the service sector concerned, that standing order 8 shall not apply to a Social Care contract where: (c) the service is of such a specialised nature that no cross-border market of suitable service providers exists.
- 3.4 Barnardo's has already provided the PATHS programme in 13 of Renfrewshire's Schools through a grant from the Big Lottery. The grant funding has ended and Children's Services have identified the continuation and roll-out of the PATHS programme as a key element in the strategy for improving children's outcomes
- 3.5 Contract documentation was issued to Barnardo's on the 30th June 2016, their submission was received on the 5th July 2016.
- 3.6 The submission was assessed by representatives from both the Corporate Procurement Unit and Children's Services, and was considered acceptable on both technical and commercial grounds.
- 3.7 Barnardo's have committed to provide the following community benefits directly linked to the delivery of this contract:
- PATHS Parent Information Sessions
 - PATHS Pals Training for P6 and P7 children to become peer mediators in the playground

- PE Sessions in primary schools to introduce PATHS Pals games
 - Workshops based on PATHS themes to encourage parents to attend schools
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The financial status of Barnardo's has been assessed and satisfied the Council's requirements
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None
3. **Community Planning** - see details of Community Benefits associated with the delivery of this contract at paragraph 3.7 above.

Children and Young People – *The service provided is a programme aimed at improving outcomes for children.*

Community Care, Health & Well-being – *This programme will improve the well-being of children and the community in which they live*

4. **Legal** – The negotiated procedure for the establishment of this Contract was in accordance with Renfrewshire Council's Standing orders Relating to Contracts and the requirements of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, as amended.
5. **Property Assets** - None.
6. **Information Technology** – None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website
8. **Health & Safety** – the submission received was assessed by Renfrewshire Council's Health and Safety Officers. The recommended Provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is considered to meet the necessary requirements.
9. **Procurement** – As detailed in the report, the procurement procedures outlined within this report ensure that the Council meets its statutory requirements in respect of the EU regulatory requirements, the Council Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and the Council's Financial Regulations.
10. **Risk** – Barnardo's submission was assessed by Renfrewshire Council's Risk Officer and meets the necessary requirements

11. **Privacy Impact** – Barnardo's submission was assessed by Renfrewshire Council's Information Security Officer and meets the necessary requirements

List of background papers

none

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