

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Education, Children and Families Committee

Does this report require to be approved? Yes No

Ref JMcK/CPT

Date 03/03/26

Contracts awarded below Committee approval threshold

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Executive Summary

In accordance with the Council's [General Contract Standing Orders \("GCSOs"\)](#), GCSO 21.10 requires a summary report be presented to members with details of contracts awarded since last committee, specifically for the spend range:

- over £50,000 but below £500,000 for supplies or services; and,
- over £500,000 but below £2,000,000 for works.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Education, Children and Families Committee:

- (1) Acknowledge the contract awards made since last committee reporting cycle.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority All priorities

Ambition statement All ambition statements

Programme of Work Statutory / corporate / service requirement

1. Background

- 1.1 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 81 requires local authorities to “...make standing orders with respect to the making by them or on their behalf of contracts for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works.”.
- 1.2 The Council’s [General Contract Standing Orders \(“GCSOs”\)](#) set out the council’s specific procurement procedures and responsibilities at all spend levels, and include the reporting requirements of procurement activity, including contracts awards, to committee for either approval or acknowledgement.
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2. Report

- 2.1 In accordance with GCSO 21.10, this report summarises the contract awards since last committee, specifically for the spend range:
- over £50,000 but below £500,000 for supplies or services; and,
 - over £500,000 but below £2,000,000 for works.
- 2.2 If you require further information regards the contract awards reported, please refer to the lead service area / Chief Officer detailed in the appendix.
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3. Measures of success

- 3.1 All requirements contracted contribute to either the council’s programme of work and/or fulfil a statutory requirement.
- 3.2 All contract awards secure best value for the council in accordance with their evaluation criteria.
- 3.3 All necessary diligence has been undertaken in the evaluation and appointment of contractors.
- 3.4 All contract awards are logged in the council’s contract register.
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4. Supporting documentation

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – Summary of contracts awarded.

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5. Impacts

- 5.1 Impacts considered as part of the contract award procedures are recorded in the individual contract award reports held by the lead service area.

Appendix 1 – Summary of Contracts Awarded

Contract	Ref	NLC-CPT-24-124				
	Title	Responsive Birth Parent Support				
	Classification	Services – Health and Social Related				
	Chief Officer, Procuring Service Area	Alison Gordon, Chief Officer (Children, Families, Justice and Integrated Practices)				
Competition	Governance by Value	Lower Threshold Regulated Procurement, procured in accordance with The Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 AND The Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016				
	Procurement Route	Direct Award for a Health or Social Related Service without seeking offers				
	No. of Contractors invited	1				
	Award Criteria	Best Value Approach				
	Comments	As permitted by the rules for commissioning health and social related services and within this spend threshold, the Service Area can award directly with consideration of the needs for the service users. The Contractor was already providing services; this contract provides an enhanced offer and provides continuity of service.				
Award Details	Value	£178,580				
	Contract Duration	36 months (initial 12 months, option to extend 12 months, further option to extend 12 months)				
	Contractor Name	The Why Not? Trust				
	Contractor Size	SME				
	Contractor Location	Falkirk				
	Status - Payment of Living Wage?	Yes				
	Status - Living Wage Accredited?	Yes				
Impacts <i>this section highlights which impacts were considered for this contract award procedure</i>	Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty <input type="checkbox"/>	HR Policy Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Data Protection Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Environment / Carbon Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact <input type="checkbox"/>
	Financial Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Technology / Digital Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Communications Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Armed Forces Covenant Duty <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Further details regarding these impacts can be obtained from the Lead Service Area / Chief Officer					