AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE



ITEM 9

Report of the Head of Procurement and the Head of Audit and Risk Management

Contract Waivers

RECOMMENDATION

1.1 To note the waivers detailed in Appendix 2 of the Report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Rule 6.7 of the Contract Procedure Rules requires that all waivers must also be reported by the Head of Procurement on a quarterly basis to the Audit and Accounts Committee so they can monitor their use.
- 2.2 Appendix 2 lists a summary of those waivers that have been granted since September 2009. A full copy of each waiver can be made available on request.

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Background papers: None

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – List of waivers granted

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. Value for money has not been tested through a competitive process.

Legal

2. None directly arising.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities impact

4. None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. None directly arising.

Contract Waiver Report

Type of waiver	Department/ Division Seeking the waiver	Description of the Contract	Annual Value	Reason for the Waiver being sought	Comments	Date of Approval
Urgent	Children and Young People	Recruitment Services for experienced social workers	£30,000 maximum	Urgent need to address issues arising from the Ofsted Inspection.	Attempts to recruit through traditional methods have not been successful. Contractor identified has having niche service to recruit experienced social workers.	17/2/2010
Urgent	Griffe Field Primary	Provision of Before and After School Clubs	Maximum value of the income generated through the club by the contractor £46,800	To meet the requirements of the Every Child Matters Agenda.	The school undertook a tender exercise to fulfil the requirements but were unable to award at the end of the exercise. They were subsequently approached by a provider and have awarded a two year contract to establish the viability of the service.	26/11/09
Departmental	Corporate and Adult Social Services	Specialist Dementia Training	6,233.50	Need to deliver training but have not been able to recruit.	Trainer comes highly recommended by Derbyshire County and the Mental Health Trust	3/2/2010
Departmental	Regeneration & Community	Supply of mini pod cycle storage for school cycle racks.	£15,000	Need to spend money provided by Cycling England	Sole supplier of cycle pods that accommodate various sizes of cycles and can be moved into secure storage in holiday periods.	9/2/2010

Departmental	Corporate and Adult Social Services	Appointment of legal Advisers on railway station and new bus station projects.	£30,000 maximum	Project related timetable issues to have agreements in place for opening of bus station.	Solicitor to undertake the work has previous experience of the Interchange scheme. Insufficient in house capacity.	18/2/2010
Departmental	Regeneration and Community	Research work for the vision for culture in Derby and expression for this- for a UK City of Culture 2017 bid.	£7,000	The company awarded the work has already undertaken an amount of the required work on a similar project and economies of scale would be achieved.	Company undertook work on the world cup bid and will use some of this work as the basis for the stakeholder engagement for developing the vision.	26/2/2010
Departmental	Corporate and Adult Social Services	Specialist Rates recovery Services	Maximum of £24,500	Sole supplier for this service as they have the details of the properties that the rating issues relate to.	The Council has worked with the provider before and have been successful in recovering income for the Council.	23/12/09
Departmental	Regeneration and Community	Bus Station Display Sign	£9,400	This is to provide an additional sign and the supplier used by the bus station contractor is being used so as to have a single supplier for future maintenance reasons.		14/12/09