Report No. DCYP12045

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Children and Young People Portfolio Holder

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children and Young People PDS

Committee on 20 March 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FORWARD ROLLING WORK

PROGRAMME 2011-12

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The report provides a Forward Rolling Work Programme for the year ahead, based on items scheduled for decision by the Children and Young People Portfolio Holder and items for consideration by the Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 A Rolling Programme of Contracts/Service Level Agreements is also provided for scrutiny by the CYP PDS Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Members of the CYP PDS Committee are invited to comment on the:
 - (i) Work Programme at Appendix 1;
 - (ii) Contracts/Service Level Agreements listed at Appendix 2.
- 2.2 The CYP Portfolio Holder is invited to comment on the Work Programme at Appendix 1 and note its content.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable:

2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People: Further Details

Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:

2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:

3. Budget head/performance centre: No specific budget head

4. Total current budget for this head: £N/A

5. Source of funding: Council's Base Budget

<u>Staff</u>

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A

2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A

<u>Legal</u>

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance:

2. Call-in: Applicable:

Customer Impact

 Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): CYP PH and CYP PDS Members and Senior CYP Officers

Ward Councillor Views

- 1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
- 2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 Work Programme

- 3.1.1 The Forward Rolling Work Programme at Appendix 1 provides information on items scheduled for decision by the Children and Young People Portfolio Holder, items for consideration by the Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee and proposed information briefings for Members on which no decision is required.
- 3.1.2 The Work Programme provides a reference on future work and enables it to be amended in the light of future developments and circumstances.
- 3.1.3 The focus of CYP PDS Committee work should be on (i) holding the CYP Portfolio Holder to account, (ii) pre-decision scrutiny and (iii) policy development.

3.2 PDS Reviews

3.2.1 A significant part of any PDS work should take place outside of Committee meetings in the form of time-limited Reviews. In agreeing a programme of Reviews, the PDS Committee should take into account Member and Officer capacity to support the work programme of the reviews. No more than a few in-depth reviews are recommended for any one year. It should be noted that given the range and complexity of the CYP Portfolio, there are two standing Executive Member Working Parties which focus on (a) Special Educational Needs and (b) Children's Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting.

3.3 Contracts for CYP PDS Scrutiny

- 3.3.1 The Rolling Contracts Register provides, at each PDS meeting, the following details on all Children and Young People Contracts with a whole life value of £50k or higher:
 - Contracts Awarded subsequent to those reported at the previous PDS Committee;
 - Status of Contracts ending within the next six months;
 - Status of Contracts ending within the next six to twelve months.
- 3.3.2 Details are presented in **Appendix 2**.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy, Financial, Legal and Personnel Implications		
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	 Review of the Operation of Policy Development and Scrutiny Arrangements in Bromley – April 2005 Scrutiny Toolkit – April 2006 Report 'PDS Working Practices' – 17/5/07 Executive and Resources PDS Committee. Minute 5 – Executive and Resources PDS Committee, 17/05/07 Minute 58 - CYP PDS 8/10/08 Minute – 16/3/09 Full Council (decision regarding changes to Executive Decision Making arrangements, as a result of which there are no longer scheduled Portfolio Holder meetings). 		

CYP PDS - 20/3/12

Subject:

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

- (1) Youth Offending Team Core Case Inspection of Youth Offending Work by HMI of Probation (KW/PK)
- Membership of School Governing Bodies (JH)
- (3) Instruments of Government: Marian Vian Primary School ((JH)
- (4) An Update on the Recent Government Reform Developments including The Academy Programme (GP)
- (5) CYP Budget Monitoring Report 2011/12 (DB)
- (6) Standards of Attainment in Bromley Schools 2011 (BG)
- (7) Annual Report of the CYP PDS Committee (Cllr Wells)
- (8) The School Funding Settlement for 2012-13 Dedicated Schools Grant (DB)
- (9) Asset Management Planning: CYP Capital Programme (Rob Bollen)
- (10) Scrutiny of the CYP Partnership Board Agenda (MW)
- (11) Asset Management Planning Post Completion Review Reports (Rob Bollen)
- (12) Children and Family Centres: Proposals for the Future Use of the Centres (KW)
- (13) Department for Communities and Local Government Initiative: Tackling Troubled Families (KW)
- (14) Basic Need Programme Update Report 3 (RB/MB)
- (15) Admissions Arrangements 2013-2014 (MB)

Policy Development and Other Items

- (16) CYP Work Programme Future Items for the CYP PDS Committee (KG)
- (17) Weekend and Holiday Short Break Provision for Disabled Children and Young People: Gateway Report (Hilary Rogers)

Information Items

- (18) CYP Invest to Save Bids Update (DB/KW/BG)
- (19) Permanent Exclusions from Bromley Secondary Schools (MB)

Part 2 Items

None

Draft Programme of Committee Meetings – 2012/13

The draft programme of Committee meetings for the Council Year 2012/13 will be submitted to General Purposes and Licensing Committee on 14/3/12 for approval. The provisional dates for the CYP PDS Committee are as follows:

12 June 2012

11 September 2012

06 November 2012

17 January 2013

19 March 2013

CYP PDS - 12/6/12 (TBC)

Subject:

Portfolio Holder Presentations and Decisions

Performance Monitoring: 4th Quarter (AR-C)

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

- Membership of School Governing Bodies (JH)
- (3) An Update on the Recent Government Reform Developments including The Academy Programme (GP)
- (4) CYP Budget Monitoring Report 2011/12
- CYP Portfolio Plan 2011/12: Review of Progress (TW)
- (6) Update on the Performance and Development of the Bromley Duke of Edinburgh Awards Programme (PK)
- (7) Commissioning Intentions for 2012/13 (LD)
- (8) Draft Children's Strategy for 2012-15: Final Version for Endorsement (MW)
- (9) Scrutiny of the CYP Partnership Board Agenda (MW)
- (10) Examination of Foundation Stage Profiles in Early Years Settings (AR-C)
- (11) CYP Final Accounts 2011/12
- (12) Spending by Primary, Secondary and Special Schools in 2011/12

Policy Development and Other Items

(13) CYP Work Programme – Future Items for the CYP PDS Committee (KG)

Information Items

To be agreed

Part 2 Items

(14) Bromley Youth Music Trust: Contract Review (PK)

CYP PDS - 11/9/12 (TBC)

Subject:

Portfolio Holder Presentations and Decisions

(1) Performance Monitoring: 1st Quarter (AR-C)

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

- (2) Membership of School Governing Bodies (JH)
- (3) An Update on the Recent Government Reform Developments including The Academy Programme (GP)
- (4) CYP Budget Monitoring Report 2012/13

Policy Development and Other Items

(5) CYP Work Programme – Future Items for the CYP PDS Committee (KG)

Information Items

- (6) Bromley Safeguarding Children Board, 2011/12: Annual Report
- (7) Annual Update Report on Bromley Youth Offending Team Partnership 2011/12
- (8) Annual Report on Adoption Activity 2011/12

Part 2 Items

None

CYP PDS - 6/11/12 (TBC)

Subject:

Portfolio Holder Presentations and Decisions

Performance Monitoring: 2nd Quarter (AR-C)

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

- (2) Membership of School Governing Bodies (JH)
- (3) An Update on the Recent Government Reform Developments including The Academy Programme (GP)
- (4) CYP Budget Monitoring Report 2012/13
- (5) School Admissions Policy: Consultation

Policy Development and Other Items

(6) CYP Work Programme – Future Items for the CYP PDS Committee (KG)

Information Items

To be agreed.

Part 2 Items

None

CYP PDS - 17/1/13 (TBC)

Subject:

Portfolio Holder Presentations and Decisions

Performance Monitoring: 3rd Quarter (AR-C)

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

- (2) Membership of School Governing Bodies (JH)
- (3) An Update on the Recent Government Reform Developments including The Academy Programme (GP)
- (4) CYP Budget Monitoring Report 2012/13
- (5) The School Funding Settlement for 2012/13, the Pupil Premium and Dedicated Schools' Grant: Authorisation to Consult on the DSG
- (6) Draft 2013/14 Budget

Policy Development and Other Items

(7) CYP Work Programme – Future Items for the CYP PDS Committee (KG)

Information Items

To be agreed.

Part 2 Items

None

Key: Shaded = Standing Items 5

CYP PDS - 19/3/13 (TBC)

Subject:

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

- (1) Membership of School Governing Bodies (JH)
- (2) An Update on the Recent Government Reform Developments including The Academy Programme (GP)
- (3) CYP Budget Monitoring Report 2012/13
- (4) Dedicated Schools' Grant: Consultation Outcomes
- (5) Standards of Attainment in Bromley Schools 2012
- (6) Asset Management Planning: CYP Capital Programme (Property)
- (7) Annual Report of the CYP PDS Committee 2012/13
- (8) School Admissions Policy: Consultation Outcomes and Determination of Policy

Policy Development and Other Items

(9) CYP Work Programme – Future Items for the CYP PDS Committee (KG)

Information Items

To be agreed.

Part 2 Items

None

CYP PDS - June 2013 (Date to be Decided)

Subject:

Portfolio Holder Presentations and Decisions

(1) Performance Monitoring: 4th Quarter (AR-C)

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

- Membership of School Governing Bodies (JH)
- (3) An Update on the Recent Government Reform Developments including The Academy Programme (GP)
- (4) CYP Budget Monitoring Report 2013/14
- Portfolio Plan: Annual Review

Policy Development and Other Items

(6) CYP Work Programme – Future Items for the CYP PDS Committee (KG)

Information Items

To be agreed.

Part 2 Items

None



Children and Young People Services

Rolling Contract Register and Contract Awards Report for Children and Young People Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

For the PDS Committee meeting on 20 March 2012

SECTION 1:

Contract Awards detailing either new contracts or existing contracts that have been re-let where they were due to expire within the next six months (30 August 2012)

No.	Details of Service and Award of Contract	Indicative Contract Value	Timescales	Procurement Method
Learn	ning & Achievement			
1.1	Software Licences The Schools Information Management System (SIMS) is the management information system in use across schools in Bromley (and nationally) and in the LA. To operate the system requires a licence, purchased annually from Capita Business Services Ltd. The LA bulk purchases the licence on behalf of schools (at a cheaper rate than individual licence purchases), recharging schools in full for the cost.	The annual value for licence renewal for the LA and on behalf of schools is £85,000. This figure is recovered in full from re-charging schools.	The annual renewal covers the period 01/04/2012 to 31/03/2013.	The annual renewal was authorised as an exemption with approval from the Director CYP, the Director of Resources and the Finance Director.
1.2	Catering at Education Development Centre Catering service for staff and attendee's at the Education Development Centre. This contract is awarded to Principals Catering via an extension to the current contract.	The contract has a notional value of £53,000 (made up from estimated income from catering sales, with a maximum fixed cost contribution of £5,454 from the LA). With the extension, the contract has an estimated whole life value of £107,000.	The contract commenced on 1 April 2011. It has been extended to 31 March 2013.	The extension was authorised by the Director CYP, the Director of Resources and the Finance Director. Final approval was given the by the CYP Portfolio Holder via the CYP PDS meeting of 21 February 2012.

No.	Details of Service and Award of Contract	Indicative Contract Value	Timescales	Procurement Method		
1.3	IT Support at Education Development Centre Full time IT Technician support for all hardware, software and network requirements. This contract is awarded to Structured Network Solutions UK Ltd via an extension to the current contract.	The contract has an annual value for 2012/2013 of £27,040. The whole life value is £60,820.	The contract commenced on 1 April 2011. It has been extended to 31 March 2013.	The extension was authorised by the Director CYP, the Director of Resources and the Finance Director. This followed consultation with Corporate Procurement and Corporate IT as to whether the EDC needs could be met through the main corporate IT contract held with Capita.		
Speci	Specialist Support & Disability Service					
1.4	Speech and Language Provision in Schools The service provides Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy across Bromley Schools. The service is provided by Bromley Healthcare Community Interest Company Ltd via an exemption.	An existing contract was in place with Bromley Healthcare with an annual value of £228K. The value of the exemption for 2012/2013 is £80,943.	The existing contract will expire on 31 March 2012. An exemption to continue the contract has been put in place covering the period 1 April 2012 to 31 July 2012.	The exemption was authorised by the Director CYP, the Director of Resources and the Finance Director. The exemption was put in place to allow time for an open and competitive tendering exercise to take place for provision from 1 September 2012 onwards. The procurement strategy is currently being reviewed by a project group – an extension to the current contract may be considered if there is insufficient time to complete a tendering exercise within the current timeframe.		

SECTION 2:

Current Status of Contracts Ending Within the Next Six Months (before 30 August 2012)

No.	Details of Service and Current Provider	Indicative Contract Value	Timescales	Post Contract Actions and Current Status				
Child	Children and Young People Senior Management Team							
2.1	Provision of Interim Assistant Director for Education This service provides a resource for the post of Interim Assistant Director for Education within Children and Young People Services. The service is provided by Gatenby Sanderson.	The current 2011/2012 value of the contract is £93,777.	The current contract commenced 31 August 2011 and is due to expire on 30 July 2012.	An extension to the contract to the end of July 2012 has been proposed and was discussed at CYP PDS on 21 February 2012. A decision is pending.				
Lear	ning & Achievement							
2.2	'14-16' flexible provision This service provides alternative curriculum provision on behalf of schools. The service is funded by schools with the LA managing contract arrangements on their behalf. Contracts for the academic year 2011/2012 were awarded, via exemption or extension to the following providers: Progression Courses TLT Academy (£96,390) Bromley Youth Music Trust (£22,300) Orpington College (£57,230) Call off contracts (variable value): Bromley College (Bromley Campus & Orpington Campus; Education Development & Assessment; NTS London, Springboard Bromley, SWAY (contract terminated). 'Options Xtra' Bromley College of FE (£499K whole life) Orpington College (£147K whole life) Windermere Vocational Education (£102K whole life – contract terminated); Call off contract (variable value): Bromley College	Progression courses have a forecast annual value of £438K for 2011-2012 Financial Year 'OptionsXtra' courses have a forecast annual value of £127K for the 2011-2012 Academic Year covering two cohorts of learners. For the 2012-2013 Academic Year this will reduce to £14K plus £1.1K per pupil enrolled as a new start in September 2012.	Progression courses run to one year, with all bar one contracts running from 1 September 2011 to 31 July 2012. 'Options Xtra' contracts previously ran to two years with existing contracts due to expire on 31 July 2012 following a one year extension to enable current Year 11 pupils to complete their courses. A new one year contract, with option to extend for one year, was issued to Bromley College for the 2011-2012 Academic Year	Formal approval for award was given at the 14 July 2011 CYP PDS. Discussions are currently taking place to finalise the procurement strategy going forward with the intention to place it on a more formal procurement process such as a dynamic purchasing system (a form of flexible Approved List), subject to ongoing requirement for the service. It is anticipated that: • the distinction between Progression and OptionsXtra will disappear from September 2012 as all courses are now incorporated in the Bromley Flexible Learning Programme • all contracts may be transferred to 'call off' from 2012.				

No.	Details of Service and Current Provider	Indicative Contract Value	Timescales	Post Contract Actions and Current Status
2.3	Early Years Support This service provides support to private, voluntary and independent organisations to improve quality of delivery and to meet statutory Early Years Outcomes Duty Targets. The contract is awarded to the Pre-School Learning Alliance.	The contract value for the current term is £55,000.	The contract commences on 1 September 2011 and runs to 31 March 2012.	The contract was awarded via exemption with approval obtained from the Assistant Director of Learning & Achievement, the Director CYP, the Director of Resources and the Finance Director. It is currently planned that the service will not continue from April 2012.
Spec	cialist Support & Disability Service			
2.4	Buddying Service for Children and Young People with disabilities. Project allowing young people with a disability (aged 14+) with an opportunity to go out in their community with the support of a buddy of their own age, providing short breaks for parents/carers. The service is provided by Bromley Mencap.	Annual value of £32K. Whole life value of £96K.	This contract is a one year contract commencing October 2010, with an option to extend for two years until July 2013.	The current contract term for the Bromley Mencap Buddying Scheme expired in October 2011. The contract has the option to extend for up to a further two years. At that time it was unclear as to whether there would be sufficient funding to be able to continue the service in its existing form for new users. However, it was recognised that existing users would need to continue to be supported, and the provider has continued to deliver and be funded for the provision from October 2011. In exploring options to continue the service, there have been ongoing discussions with Adult & Community Services (ACS) in the context not only of the merging of the Children and Adults departments but also in relation to a similar Buddying Scheme funded by ACS, also with Bromley Mencap. Through those discussions it is now intended that the CYP Buddying contract will be extended to the end of August 2012 to align with the contract held by ACS which also comes to and end in August. Following this, it is intended that both contracts will be combined into a single contract, providing a joined up service transitioning provision between young people and adults. Authorisation for the extension is close to completion and is expected to have been finalised prior to the 20 March 2012 CYP PDS.

No.	Details of Service and Current Provider	Indicative Contract Value	Timescales	Post Contract Actions and Current Status
2.5	Specialist Childminding Network for Families with Disabled Children This service enables childminding provision exclusively for disabled children & young people. The service provides co-ordinators who have detailed knowledge of all childminders on the networks and who deliver and facilitate training to ensure the individual needs of very complex children can be met within the childminder's home environment. The service is provided by Bromley Mencap.	The contract has been extended for ten months (to align to the financial year) with an annual value in 2011/2012 of £70,833. The whole life value of the contract is £155,833.	The current contract commenced in June 2010 and was due to expire on 31 May 2011. The contract has been extended for ten months until 31 March 2012.	Approval for extension of this contract was granted by the Children & Young People Portfolio Holder at the CYP PDS meeting of 15 March 2011. Due to the specialist nature of the contract, an exemption will be sought for delivery from April 2012. This is in progress.
2.6	Weekend and Holiday Short Breaks for Disabled Children and Young People A service providing short breaks at the weekend, at half term holidays (including Christmas) and for the summer holidays. Provision is split between short breaks for young people on the autistic spectrum and/or with learning difficulties; and children with physical disabilities. The service is provided by Riverside School, a Bromley Council maintained special school.	The current in-house arrangement has a value of £260K per annum. The in-house arrangement has been extended for eleven months (to align to the financial year) with an annual value in 2011/2012 of £238,405. The whole life value of the service is £498,405.	The current in-house arrangement commenced in May 2010 and was due to expire on 30 April 2011. The service has been extended for eleven months until 31 March 2012.	Approval for extension of the current arrangements was granted by the Children & Young People Portfolio Holder at the CYP PDS meeting of 15 March 2011. Following consultation with Corporate Procurement and completion of a Gateway Review (to be presented to CYP PDS in March 2012), approval to continue to deliver the service in-house via Riverside School, a Bromley maintained special school, is in progress. Short Breaks provision is also sourced via smaller value contracts held with local voluntary sector providers and this is planned to continue.
Child	ren & Family Project			
2.7	Social Care for Children and Families This service provides social care to children and families, offering counselling and advice. This contract is awarded to Bromley Welcare.	The contract value for the current term is £137,500.	The contract commences on 1 October 2011 and runs to 31 March 2012.	Formal approval for award was given at the 14 July 2011 CYP PDS. Due to the significant reduction in the available commissioning budget for the Bromley Children Project, negotiations are in progress with the provider to agree a reduced and more focused level of service delivery in 2012/2013. Once these have concluded, approval for an extension to the current contract, at the new level of funding, will be sought from the Portfolio Holder at the next available PDS.

No.	Details of Service and Current Provider	Indicative Contract Value	Timescales	Post Contract Actions and Current Status
2.8	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) The contract has been awarded, via exemption, to Oxleas Trust.	The contract has an annual and whole life value of £389,000.	The contract commenced on 1 April 2011 and is due to expire on 31 March 2012.	Approval to award the contract was given by the Children and Young People Portfolio Holder, via the CYP PDS meeting of 3 May 2011. Approval from the Portfolio Holder to extend the contract for a further twelve months will be sought at the next available CYP PDS. The request for an extension was delayed pending consideration of potential budget options for 2012/2013 which concluded in February 2012.
Integ	rated Youth Support Service			
2.9	Advice and Guidance to Young People Statutory service to provide advice and guidance to young people. The service is delivered via a shared delivery agreement with the Royal Borough of Kingston.	The contract has an annual and whole life value of £143K.	The contract commenced on 1 July 2011 and runs to 31 March 2012.	Approval for arrangements for the delivery of this service was subject to scrutiny at CYP PDS and Executive. An extension to the current contract is in progress with approval to be sought from the Portfolio Holder at the next available CYP PDS.

SECTION 3:

Current Status of Contracts Ending Between Six to Twelve Months from the Date of this Report (before 31 March 2013)

No.	Details of Service and Current Provider	Indicative Contract Value	Timescales	Post Contract Actions and Current Status
Youth	n Offending Team			
3.1	Intensive Supervision and Surveillance	The contract has an annual	The contract commenced	The option to extend the contract is likely to be
	This contract meets the statutory requirement to deliver Intensive Supervision and Surveillance (ISS). ISS is a direct alternative to custody, available as a condition of bail and/or Youth Rehabilitation Order and/or Notice of Supervision on release from custody.	value of £71,000 and a whole life value of £213,000.	on 1 April 2011 and is due to expire on 31 March 2013. It has an extension option of one year.	considered.
	The service is currently delivered by NACRO.			
Child	ren's Social Care			
3.2	Tutors for Looked After Children	Year 1 actual value =	1 October 2010 to	Extension to current contract, authorised by Director
	This service provides one to one tutoring support	£32,060	30 September 2011 – now extended to 30 September	CYP, Director of Resources and Finance Director.
	to Looked After Children. The service is currently provided by Fleet Tutors . The contract has been extended.	Year 2 contract value = £55,000	2012	The service will be sourced through competitive tende either through a three quotes basis or open competitive.
		Whole life value = £87,060		tender depending on proposed value of contract.
3.3	Social Care for Children and Families	The contract has an annual	1 April 2011 to 31 March	Extension to current contract, authorised by Director
	This service funds volunteers to support social workers in supporting children and families in crisis.	ce funds volunteers to support social whole life value of £76,000 31 March	2012 – now extended to 31 March 2013.	CYP, Director of Resources and Finance Director.
	The service is currently provided by Community Service Volunteers .			
3.4	Counselling Service	The contract has an annual	The contract commenced on 1 April 2010 and is due to expire on 31 March 2013.	Gateway review to be competed.
	This service provides independent counselling and guidance to children and young people aged 11 to 23 who are experiencing personal difficulties.	value of £88,277 and a whole life value of £264, 831. The service is joint funded with Bromley PCT who add an additional		
	The service is provided by Bromley Y .	£108k to the annual value.		

No.	Details of Service and Current Provider	Indicative Contract Value	Timescales	Post Contract Actions and Current Status
3.5	Family Group Conference Service This service offers family support to assist with the prevention of children and young people coming into care or to facilitate returning children to the family. The service is provided by Galton Associates.	The contract has an annual value of £56,000 and a whole life value of £168,000.	The contract commenced on 1 April 2010 and is due to expire on 31 March 2013.	Gateway review to be competed.
3.6	Advocacy and Independent Visitors Service This service is provided by Reconstruct. egy and Performance	The contract has an annual value of £30,000 and a whole life value of £150,000.	The contract commenced on 1 February 2008 and is due to expire on 31 March 2013.	Gateway review to be competed.
3.7	Voluntary Sector Support This service provides a communication and support network for local voluntary sector providers and acts as the representative voice for the sector in local strategic partnerships. The service is provided by the Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum.	The contract has an annual value of £24,735 and a whole life value of £76,453.	The contract commenced on 1 April 2010 and is due to expire on 31 March 2013.	The future requirements for the service will need to be considered in light of the transition to the new Education and Care Services Department.