

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Education (Resources) Sub-Committee	Subject: Transport of School Children with Special Educational/Medical Needs: Contracts for the period 1998/2000
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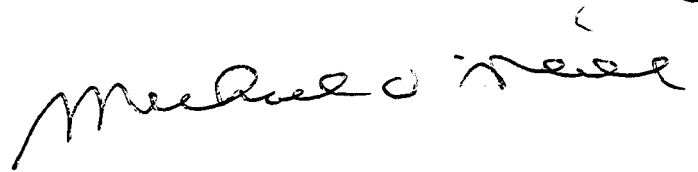
Summary

The education department takes responsibility for organising school transport for children with special educational /medical needs. This report seeks approval for the proposed contract awards.

Recommendations

The education (resources) sub-committee is asked to approve the 1998/2000 school transport contract awards for children with special educational/medical needs detailed in this report including;

- (a) the 19 contracts to contractors whose offer was not the lowest, and
- (b) the 11 contracts to contractors whose offer was equal lowest with other contractors.



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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL : DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Transport of School Children with Special Educational/Medical Needs
Contracts for the period 1998/2000

Report by the Director of Education

1 **Introduction**

1.1 Given the special educational needs/medical needs of some pupils resident within the North Lanarkshire area, there is a requirement for transport to be arranged to enable them to attend school. The transport facilities must be suited to pupils needs. For example, transport may require to carry wheelchairs, and operators should be relatively flexible in their operations so that they may be contacted quickly should an emergency arise. On certain contracts, especially for very young children, contractors must provide a suitable child seat. All contractors must provide appropriate seat restraints for all pupils.

1.2 The 104 tenders included in this paper cover the period 1998/2000 and make provision for the home to school transport of pupils with special educational/medical needs. The list includes contracts previously arranged under 2.1 and 2.2 of the standing orders relating to contracts. The following categories of pupils are involved:

- (a) Children with a variety of physical, mental or sensory impairments attending special schools and units.
- (b) Children with physical, or mild mental impairment attending mainstream primary and secondary schools.

1.3 To comply with the provision of the services directive, public advertisements were placed in national and local newspapers and in the European Official Journal. Tenders were received for all but 2 contracts. As a result of subsequent developments 2 are no longer required. In addition, 20 contracts received only 1 or 2 tenders. Therefore 22 contracts will have to be re-tendered. As 2 contracts were combined as one for a cheaper cost, there are now only 79 contracts recommended for award.

2 **Analysis of Offers**

2.1 In accordance with the award criteria specified by the European Official Journal the offers were analysed to ensure:

- (a) the provision of a high quality service to pupils and value for money to the authority. In determining quality, the special criteria outlined in 1.1 were particularly important, especially the reliability and flexibility of contractors.
- (b) the contractor had enough vehicles to meet the requirements of all allocated contracts.

2.2 After analysis of the tenders received for the 79 contracts it is recommended that:

- (a) 49 contracts be awarded to the single lowest tender,
- (b) 19 contracts be awarded to the firms whose offer was not the lowest (appendix 3). The reason for each recommendation are detailed in the appendix
- (c) 11 contracts to firms whose offer was equal lowest with other contractors (appendix 4).

3 **Cost of Contract**

- 3.1 Appendix 2 notes the contracts to be awarded to a single contractor where the cost is under £20,000.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 lists the contracts to be awarded to a single contractor where the cost is over £20,000.
- 3.3 The value of the 79 contracts recommended for award (Appendix 1 and 2) amounts to £246,737 per year.
- 3.4 The additional cost of awarding the 19 contracts, as outlined in Appendix 3, to other than the lowest tender is £18,696 per year.

4. **Total Cost of Contracts**

The projected cost of the 1998/99 contracts including any further contracts is £1,114,710 against a budget allocation of £1,283,070. This includes both the contracts covered by this report and the 2 year contracts approved by committee in 1997. All contracts are being reviewed to ensure expenditure within the budget. However, it must be emphasised that contracts are arranged on a needs basis and that further requests may emerge.

5. **Contract Period**

The contract period will run for 2 years. It is estimated that this will bring about savings in the order of 6% in both 1998/99 and 1999/2000.

6. **Additional Contracts**

The following number of contracts will have to be tendered for and will be advertised in June 1998:

<u>Details of Contract</u>	<u>No of Contracts</u>	<u>Estimated Total</u>
Willowbank School	7	
Fallside Unit	8	
Medical	10	
Re-advertised contracts	22	£123,762
Pre-five establishments (Details only now available)	30	£90,000
Grand Total		£213,762

7. **Recommendations**

The education (resources) sub-committee is asked to approve the 1998/2000 school transport contract awards for children with special educational/medical needs detailed in this report including;

- (a) the 19 contracts to contractors whose offer was not the lowest, and
- (b) the 11 contracts to contractors whose offer was equal lowest with other contractors.

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Transport contracts for pupils with special education and/or medical needs

Contracts to be accepted by Director of Administration

Over £20,000

Contractor	Contract No	Cost for Session	Total Cost of Contract
		1998/99	
		£	£
Bros Cars	NL238	1,710.00	3,420.00
Bros Cars	NL250A	5,320.00	10,640.00
Bros Cars	NL278	2,280.00	4,560.00
Bros Cars	NL284	2,128.00	4,256.00
Bros Cars	NL279	3,040.00	6,080.00
		14,478.00	28,956.00
Henry Madden	NL065	3,420.00	6,840.00
Henry Madden	NL290	3,420.00	6,840.00
Henry Madden	NL293	1,900.00	3,800.00
Henry Madden	NL338	3,420.00	6,840.00
Henry Madden	NL414	2,850.00	5,700.00
Henry Madden	NL421	2,280.00	4,560.00
		17,290.00	34,580.00
JJ Travel	NL341/343	10,260.00	20,520.00
S Williams	NL298	11,400.00	22,800.00
Monklands TOA	NL015	760.00	1,520.00
Monklands TOA	NL334	3,040.00	6,080.00
Monklands TOA	NL358	2,280.00	4,560.00
Monklands TOA	NL385	1,710.00	3,420.00
Monklands TOA	NL404	2,660.00	5,320.00
		10,450.00	20,900.00
Walter Ashenhurst	NL313	4,807.00	9,614.00
Walter Ashenhurst	NL375	4,104.00	8,208.00
Walter Ashenhurst	NL394	3,192.00	6,384.00
		12,103.00	24,206.00
Cumbernauld TOA	NL322	1,900.00	3,800.00
Cumbernauld TOA	NL328	1,900.00	3,800.00
Cumbernauld TOA	NL282	8,360.00	16,720.00
		12,160.00	24,320.00
TOTAL		88,141.00	176,282.00

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Transport contracts for pupils with special educational and/or needs

Contracts to be accepted by the Director of Education

Under £20,000

Contractor	Contract No	Cost for Session 1998/99 £	Total Cost of Contract £
A & J MacKenzie	NL184	3,040.00	6,080.00
A & J MacKenzie	NL131	1,976.00	3,952.00
		5,016.00	10,032.00
Andrew Borland	NL286	2,850.00	5,700.00
Archie Williams	NL412	1,368.00	2,736.00
Brian Douglas	NL227	5,130.00	10,260.00
Bridge Cars	NL365A	2,280.00	4,560.00
Chariots of Hire	NL332	2,128.00	4,256.00
Chariot's of Hire	NL368	912.00	1,824.00
		3,040.00	6,080.00
Charles Johnstone	NL303	2,280.00	4,560.00
CITA Taxis	NL295	1,045.00	2,090.00
CITA Taxis	NL401	1,900.00	3,800.00
		2,945.00	5,890.00
Contours	NL308	760.00	1,520.00
Condorrat Cars	NL410	3,800.00	7,600.00
Daniel Breen	NL339	1,140.00	2,280.00
Diamond Cabs	NL420	2,280.00	4,560.00
Ferguson Minibus Hire	NL387	2,508.00	5,016.00
FMB Transport	NL228	3,040.00	6,080.00
Gerry's Minibus	NL424	1,520.00	3,040.00
Gordon Seaton	NL61	3,800.00	7,600.00
Gordon Smith	NL288	2,280.00	4,560.00

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Contracts to be accepted by the Director of Education

		£	£
Hugh Harkins	NL245	4,940.00	9,880.00
Hugh Harkins	NL317	2,660.00	5,320.00
		7,600.00	15,200.00
James McLean	NL345	1,596.00	3,192.00
Jim Barr	NL386	608.00	1,216.00
Jim McCann	NL409	2,850.00	5,700.00
Jim McCann	NL285	4,370.00	8,740.00
		7,220.00	14,440.00
John Devitt	NL393	1,094.40	2,188.80
John Lanaghan	NL061	3,192.00	6,384.00
John McGuickin	NL280	5,510.00	11,020.00
J's Cars	NL053	8,595.60	17,191.20
K Gilfillan	NL297	3,800.00	7,600.00
K Gilfillan	NL304	1,900.00	3,800.00
		5,700.00	11,400.00
Kevan Campbell	NL120	3,040.00	6,080.00
Kevan Campbell	NL427	3,230.00	6,460.00
		6,270.00	12,540.00
King Cars	NL287	3,230.00	6,460.00
King Cars	NL348	2,280.00	4,560.00
		5,510.00	11,020.00
Langmuir Cars	NL329	2,264.80	4,529.60
Lenzie Taxis	NL347	1,520.00	3,040.00
Liam's Taxis	NL333	5,225.00	10,450.00
Mark Baird	NL389	3,610.00	7,220.00
Maurice Pilkington	NL301	2,660.00	5,320.00
Michael Kiernan	NL114	4,560.00	9,120.00

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Contracts to be accepted by the Director of Education

		£	£
Neil Johnstone	NL200	1,520.00	3,040.00
Peter McGuire	NL405	4,674.00	9,348.00
R Mayberry	NL302	1,368.00	2,736.00
Redline	NL423	4,560.00	9,120.00
Robert Houston	NL289	3,800.00	7,600.00
Sapphire Taxis	NL320	2,660.00	5,320.00
Stepps Taxis	NL027	3,306.00	6,612.00
Steven Elliot	NL211	5,700.00	11,400.00
Town Taxis	NL144	2,850.00	5,700.00
Village Cars	NL403	1,216.00	2,432.00
William Gray	NL426	4,560.00	9,120.00
William Hutchison	NL351	2,280.00	4,560.00
William O'Hara	NL318	1,330.00	2,660.00
TOTAL		158,596.80	317,193.60

APPENDIX 3

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Contracts to be awarded to contractors whose offer was not the lowestContract NL061

Awarded to John Lanaghan
Gordon Seaton

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £912

Contract NL227

Awarded to Brian Douglas
Liam's Taxis

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £627

Contract NL238

Awarded to Bros Cars
Michael Kiernan

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £190

Contract NL278

Awarded to Bros Cars
Michael Kiernan

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £456

Contract NL280

Awarded to John McGuickin
Brian Douglas

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £380

Contract NL282

Awarded to Cumbernauld TOA
Bros Cars

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (2)

Additional cost incurred £2660

Contract NL285

Awarded to Jim McCann
William Gray

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £190

Contract NL287

Awarded to King Cars

2nd lowest offer.

Michael Kiernan Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £380

Contract NL298

Awarded to S Williams
Henry Madden

2nd lowest offer.

Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (2)

Additional cost incurred £5320

Contract NL317

Awarded to Hugh Harkins
Michael Kiernan

2nd lowest offer

Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £532

Contract NL318

Awarded to William O'Hara
John Devitt

2nd lowest offer

Lowest offer, Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £570

Contract NL320

Awarded to Sapphire Taxis
Robert Mayberry

2nd lowest offer

Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £1140

Contract NL328

Awarded to Cumbernauld TOA
Condorrat Cars

2nd lowest offer.

Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £1064

Contract NL339

Awarded to Daniel Bree
John Devitt

2nd lowest offer

Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £570

Contract NL375

Awarded to Walter Ashenurst
Steven Elliot

2nd lowest offer

Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £1064

Contract NL405

Awarded to Peter McGuire
Steven Elliot

2nd lowest offer

Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £1254

Contract NL409

Awarded to Jim McCann
Peter McGuire

2nd lowest offer.
Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £589

Contract NL412

Awarded to A Williams
William O'Hara
Mark Baird

2nd joint lowest offer. Awarded by ballot.
2nd joint lowest offer.
Lowest offer. Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £190

Contract NL421

Awarded to Henry Madden
Ferguson Minibus

2nd lowest offer.
Lowest offer . Reason for not awarding (1)

Additional cost incurred £608

Total additional cost incurred £18,696 per year

GLOSSARY

1. Contractor would be overstretched.
2. Contractor does not have a suitable vehicle

APPENDIX 4

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Contracts to be awarded to contractors whose offer was equal lowest to other contractorsContract NL015

Awarded to Monklands TOA
James McLean

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding -
drew lots.

Contract NL61

Awarded to Gordon Seaton
John McGuickin

Joint lowest offer.
Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding -
drew lots.

Contract NL184

Awarded to A & J Mackenzie
Robert Houston

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding -
drew lots

Contract NL245

Awarded to Hugh Harkins
Steven Elliot

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding
drew lots, Steven Elliot insufficient

vehicles.

Contract NL297

Awarded to K Gilfillan
William Munro
Robert Houston

Joint lowest offer.
Joint lowest offer.
Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding
drew lots.

Contract NL302

Awarded to R Mayberry
Sapphire Cars

Joint lowest offer.
Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding -
drew lots.

Contract NL334

Awarded to Monkland TOA
Town Taxis
James McLean

Joint lowest offer.
Joint lowest offer.
Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding
drew lots.

Contract NL351

Awarded to William Hutchison
Bridge Cars

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding -
drew lots.

Contract NL386

Awarded to Jim Barr
Diamond Cabs
William Gray

Contract NL420

Awarded to Diamond Cabs
Jim Barr

Contract NL426

Awarded to William Gray
Liam's Taxis
Gordon Seaton

Joint lowest offer.
Joint lowest offer.
Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding -
drew lots.

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Joint lowest offer. Reason for not awarding -
drew lots.

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