

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Education (Resources) Sub-Committee	Subject: Transport of School Children with Special Educational / Medical Needs: Contracts for Period 2001 / 2003
From: Director of Education	
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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 2001/2003 school transport contract awards for children with special educational and/or medical needs detailed in the report including:

- (a) the 23 contracts to contractors whose offer was not the lowest, and
- (b) the 7 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 and/or Medical Needs
Session 2001/2003

Report by the Director of Education

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Given the special educational needs and/or 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 pupil needs. For example, transport may require to carry wheelchairs, and operators should be relatively flexible in their operations so that they can 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 157 tenders included in this paper cover the period 2001/2003 and make provision for the home to school transport of pupils with special educational and/or 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 and/or sensory impairments attending special schools and units.
 - (b) Children with physical, and/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 9 contracts. As a result of subsequent developments 1 is no longer required. In addition, 31 contracts received only 1 or 2 tenders. 40 contracts will require to be re-tendered. 17 contracts were combined to reduce costs and therefore there are now only 106 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 needs of the children as outlined above were of paramount importance, especially the reliability and flexibility of contractors.
 - (b) that the contractor has sufficient vehicles to meet the requirements of all allocated contracts. Contracts for the transportation of special needs children in minibuses are subject to satisfactory vehicle checks arranged by Strathclyde Passenger Transport.

2.2 Following analysis of the tenders received for the 106 contracts it is recommended that:

- (a) 76 contracts be awarded to the single lowest tender.
- (b) 23 contracts be awarded to the firms whose offer was no the lowest (appendix 3). The reason for each recommendation is detailed in the appendix.
- (c) 7 contracts be awarded to firms whose offer was equal lowest with other contractors (appendix 4).

3. Cost of Contract

- 3.1 Appendix 1 lists the contracts to be awarded to a single contractor where the cost is over £20,000
- 3.2 Appendix 2 notes the contracts to be awarded to a single contractor where the cost is under £20,000
- 3.3 The additional cost of awarding the 23 contracts, as outlined in Appendix 3, to other than the lowest tender in £17,632 per year.
- 3.4 The value of the 106 contracts recommended for award (Appendix 1 and 2) amounts to £508,930.20 per year.

4. Total Cost of Contracts

The projected cost of the 2001/2003 contracts recommended for award and any further contracts awarded for this period will be met from the budget allocation of £1,747,010. This includes both the contracts covered by this report and the 2 year contracts approved by committee in June 2000. 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 are likely to emerge.

5. Contract Period

The contract period will run for 2 years.

6. Additional Contracts

The following additional contracts require to be arranged and will be advertised in June 2001.

Details of Contract	No. of Contracts	Estimated Total
Early Years	1	£ 6,650
Primary	24	£ 93,366
Secondary	7	£ 16,063
Special	8	£ 17,570
<u>Total</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>£135,622</u>

7. Recommendations

The education (resources) committee is asked to approve the 2001/2003 school transport contract awards for children with special educational and/or medical needs as detailed in this report including:

- (a) the 23 contracts to contractors whose offer was not the lowest, and
- (b) the 7 contracts to contractors whose offer was equal lowest with other contractors.

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APPENDIX 1

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL : DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Transport contracts for pupils with special educational needs or medical conditions

Over £20,000

Contract No	Contractor	Cost per Year	Total Cost
NL017	Ashenhurst Cars	4,180	8,360
NL242	Ashenhurst Cars	4,199	8,398
NL243	Ashenhurst Cars	3,990	7,980
NL257	Ashenhurst Cars	4,134.40	8,268.80
NL591	Ashenhurst Cars	3,230	6,460
		19,733.40	39,466.80
NL078/NL587	B Karran	10,640	21,280
NL116/NL169/NL232	Beams Travel	11,400	22,800
NL127	Beams Travel	13,110	26,220
		24,510	49,020
NL568	Bridgend Cars	5,320	10,640
NL596	Bridgend Cars	6,080	12,160
		11,400	22,800
NL022	Club Taxis	2,660	5,320
NL028	Club Taxis	2,280	4,560
NL249	Club Taxis	5,700	11,400
NL482	Club Taxis	2,660	5,320
NL518	Club Taxis	3,420	6,840
NL542	Club Taxis	2,660	5,320
		19,380	38,760
NL111	Cumbernauld TOA	3,800	7,600
NL161	Cumbernauld TOA	3,040	6,080
NL179	Cumbernauld TOA	7,600	15,200
NL314	Cumbernauld TOA	2,850	5,700
NL550	Cumbernauld TOA	1,763.20	3,526.40
		19,053.20	38,106.40
NL007	W & S Downie	4,560.00	9,120.00
NL296	W & S Downie	5,441.60	10,883.20
		10,001.60	20,003.20
NL036	F M B	2,850	5,700
NL097	F M B	2,375	4,750
NL113	F M B	3,135	6,270
NL398	F M B	1,520	3,040
NL628	F M B	3,420	6,840
		13,300	26,600
NL263	Ferguson's Minibus Hire	7,600	15,200
NL072	Ferguson's Minibus Hire	6,460	12,920
		14,060	28,120

NL272	Gerry's Minibus Hire	12,920	25,840
NL273	Gerry's Minibus Hire	14,060	28,120
NL275	Gerry's Minibus Hire	11,020	22,040
		38,000	76,000
NL142	Graeme's of Airdrie	4,978	9,956
NL262	Graeme's of Airdrie	12,654	25,308
		17,632	35,264
NL015	Jim McCann	2,660	5,320
NL246	Jim McCann	9,120	18,240
		11,780	23,560
NL411	Kevin Campbell	2,622	5,244
NL063	Kevin Campbell	4,940	9,880
NL233	Kevin Campbell	4,560	9,120
		12,122	24,244
NL008	Michael Morgan	4,560	9,120
NL029	Michael Morgan	6,080	12,160
NL121/NL517	Michael Morgan	5,320	10,640
NL145	Michael Morgan	5,320	10,640
NL158/NL570	Michael Morgan	9,500	19,000
NL340/NL444	Michael Morgan	10,450	20,900
NL457	Michael Morgan	5,700	11,400
NL488/NL489/NL500	Michael Morgan	7,600	15,200
		54,530	109,060
NL073	Redline Cars	4,940	9,880
NL152	Redline Cars	1,900	3,800
NL258	Redline Cars	6,460	12,920
NL360	Redline Cars	1,900	3,800
NL584	Redline Cars	2,280	4,560
NL660	Redline Cars	3,610	7,220
		21,090	42,180
NL271	Richland Scotland	11,400	22,800
NL132	S & D Cars	3,648	7,296
NL194	S & D Cars	5,130	10,260
NL225	S & D Cars	4,940	9,880
		13,718	27,436
NL140	Town Taxis	4,750	9,500
NL191	Town Taxis	3,990	7,980
NL621	Town Taxis	2,280	4,560
		11,020	22,040
	Cost per year	£333,370.20	Total cost £666,740.40

APPENDIX 2

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Transport contracts for pupils with special educational needs or medical conditions

Under £20,000

Contract No	Contractor	Cost per Year	Total Cost
NL049	Andrew Borland	2,660	5,320
NL032	Archie Smyth	3,420	6,840
NL303	B Douglas	6,650	13,300
NL100	Bellcars	5,510	11,020
NL337	C I T A	4,408	8,816
NL616	C I T A	1,140	2,280
		5,548	11,096
NL292	Cancabs	2,280	4,560
NL455	Charles Jones	2,660	5,320
NL351	Dallas Taxis	6,080	12,160
NL325	Daniel Breen	1,170	2,340
NL304	David Brown	3,800	7,600
NL043	Delta Courier Express	2,660	5,320
NL159	Delta Courier Express	3,610	7,220
NL617	Delta Courier Express	1,482	2,964
		7,752	15,504
NL155	Diamond Cars	2,660	5,320
NL270	Diamond Cars	2,660	5,320
NL605	Diamond Cars	1,140	2,280
		6,460	12,920
NL234	Francis Calderhead	6,954	13,908
NL536	Francis McCafferty	5,548	11,096
NL160	J Barr	760	1,520
NL636	J McDermaid	4,180	8,360
NL598	Jack's Taxis	7,600	15,200
NL198	James Armit	5,130	10,260

NL086/NL088/NL472	James McGuire	9,500	19,000
NL338A	James Munro	1,900	3,800
NL083	J's Cars	3,420	6,840
NL245	J's Cars	1,520	3,040
		4,940	9,880
NL565	Kathryn Findlay	2,850	5,700
NL163	Lachlan Galbraith	3,420	6,840
NL502	M Martin	4,560	9,120
NL286	Monkland Taxis	4,560	9,120
NL486	N & D Cars	6,555	13,110
NL226	Pat Munro	4,750	9,500
NL637	R Boyd	1,300	2,600
NL187	Robert Mayberry	4,560	9,120
NL109	Ross Moore	1,425	2,850
NL619	Shevill's Taxis	4,180	8,360
NL264	Steven Anderson	2,888	5,776
NL112	Stuart T Gill	4,940	9,880
NL071	Thomas Crielly	3,420	6,840
NL064	Twin Cabs	4,180	8,360
NL167	Twin Cabs	1,140	2,280
		5,320	10,640
NL035	Village Cars	9,880	19,760
NL494	Wilson's Private Hire	6,650	13,300
NL136	William O'Hara	3,800	7,600
		Cost per year	£175,560
		Total cost	£351,120

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Contracts to be awarded to contractor whose offer was not the lowest

Contract NL007

Awarded to W & S Downie
M Morgan
Belcars

3rd lowest offer
2nd lowest offer – insufficient vehicles
Lowest offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £950

Contract NL028

Awarded to Club Taxis
J MacDermaid

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £190

Contract NL113

Awarded to FMB Transport
S & D Cars

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £285

Contract NL127

Awarded to Beams Travel
Paul Doolan

2nd lowest offer
lowest offer – unsuitable vehicle

Additional annual cost - £3,990

Contract NL152

Awarded to Red Line Cabs
Dallas Taxis

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £190

Contract NL159

Awarded to Delta Courier Express
Lachlan Galbraith

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £760

Contract NL194

Awarded to S & D Cars
James Armitt

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £380

Contract No NL262

Awarded to Graeme's of Airdrie
Diamond Cars
Twin Cabs
J & M McWilliams
Ashenhurst Cars
Interlink Travel
Beams Travel

1st complete offer
incomplete tender
incomplete tender
incomplete tender
incomplete tender
incomplete tender
incomplete tender

Contract NL272

Awarded to Gerry's Minibus Hire
J & M Taxis

1st complete tender
incomplete tender

Contract NL273

Awarded to Gerry's Minibus Hire
J & M Taxis

1st complete tender
incomplete tender

Contract NL275

Awarded to Gerry's Minibus Hire
J & M Taxis

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer – unsuitable vehicles

Additional annual cost - £4,180

Contract NL286

Awarded to Monkland Taxis
Graeme's of Airdrie
Michael Morgan

3rd lowest offer
Lowest offer - insufficient vehicles
2nd lowest offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £912

Contract NL304

Awarded to David Brown
Bellcars

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £760

Contract NL325

Awarded to Daniel Breen
R Moore
Charles Jones

2nd joint lowest offer – ballot held
2nd joint lowest offer – ballot held
Lowest offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £190

Contract NL338/A
Awarded to James Munro
Thomas Crielly

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer - insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £380

Contract NL351
Awarded to Dallas Taxis
Ferguson Minibus Hire

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer - insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £760

Contact NL457
Awarded to Michael Morgan
B Douglas

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer - insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £190

Contract NL482
Awarded to Club Taxis
J MacDermaid

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer - insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £380

Contract NL518
Awarded to Club Taxis
Archie Smyth

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer - insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £760

Contract NL542
Awarded to Club Taxis
J MacDermaid

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer - insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £760

Contract NL565
Awarded to Kathryn Findlay
J MacDermaid

2nd lowest offer
Lowest offer - insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £570

Contract NL584

Awarded to Red Line Cabs
Thomas Crielly

2nd lowest offer
Lower offer – insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £665

Contract NL621

Awarded to Town Taxis
J MacDermaid
Jim Barr

3rd lowest offer
2nd lowest offer – insufficient vehicles
Lowest offer - insufficient vehicles

Additional annual cost - £380

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Contracts to be awarded to contractors whose offer was equal lowest to other contractors**Contract NL063**

Awarded to Kevan Campbell
Andrew Borland

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer – ballot held

Contract NL136

Awarded to William O'Hara
Kathryn Findlay

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer - ballot held

Contract NL160

Awarded to J Barr
Gordon Smith

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer - ballot held

Contract NL264

Awarded to Steven Anderson
Charles Jones

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer - ballot held

Contract NL271

Awarded to Richland (Scotland) Limited
J M Taxis

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer - ballot held

Contract NL292

Awarded to Cancabs
FMB Transport
F Calderhead

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer – ballot held
Joint lowest offer – ballot held

Contract NL325

Awarded to Daniel Breen
R Moore

Joint lowest offer
Joint lowest offer – ballot held