

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Education and Families Committee

approval noting

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Additional Support Needs Transport 2019/2022

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Executive Summary

This report seeks permission for the Head of Service (South), Education & Families on behalf of the Council, to tender for the provision of Additional Support Needs Transport for the period August 2019 to June 2022.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Education and Families Committee give permission for the Head of Service (South), Education and Families on behalf of the Council, to tender for the provision of Additional Support Needs transport for the period August 2019 to June 2022.

Supporting Documents

Council business plan to 2020 Support all children to realise their full potential.
Action 6.5 – School Transport which ensures pupils arrive at school ready to learn.

1. Background

The Council has a duty to facilitate travel to school for additional support needs transport for relevant pupils within its area and the Council has agreed a policy on the entitlement of Additional Support Needs Transport.

2. Report

In order to comply with EU procurement directives, ensure transparency and obtain best value for the Council, individual contracts require to be advertised as part of the tendering process.

3. Equality and Diversity

3.1 Fairer Scotland

There are no actions required per the Fairer Scotland duties included in this report.

3.2 Equality Impact Assessment

There are no Equality Impact Assessments required per the content of this report.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Impact

The estimated value of the contracts for the period August 2019 to June 2022 is £5.71m which equates to £1.90m per year. The annual costs will be funded from the Service transport budget.

4.2 HR/Policy/Legislative Impact

Not applicable.

4.3 Environmental Impact

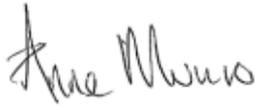
ASN school contracts are specified and advertised in the most efficient manner which supports minimising the environmental impact of vehicles.

4.4 Risk Impact

The procurement process will be conducted in line with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

5. Measures of success

All Additional Support Needs pupils will be provided with transport suitable for their needs i.e. suitable vehicle, escorts as required.

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Head of Education (South)