

<b>CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 9</b>
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## **Report of the Executive Director of Strategic Resources**

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### **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify the Panel of the Executive Decisions which have been taken and which relate to the Panel's remit.

#### **2. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

- 2.1 Links to the Corporate Plan, Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement are contained within the individual decisions notices.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

##### **3.1 Appointment of LEA Governor to Woodston Primary School**

###### **Decision**

To appoint Mr Jonathan Symon nominated by the governing body.

###### **Reasons**

The resignation of Mr David Tyler on 1 September 2008.

##### **3.2 Appointment of LEA Governor to West Town Primary School**

###### **Decision**

To appoint Catherine Honeyford nominated by the School.

###### **Reasons**

The resignation of Mr Graham Flew on 23 July 2008.

##### **3.3 Appointment of LEA Governor to Discovery Primary School**

###### **Decision**

To appoint Mrs Betty Fowler nominated by the governing body.

###### **Reasons**

Vacancy due to the formation of a permanent governing body.

##### **3.4 Promotion of Play**

###### **Decision**

The Cabinet members are asked;

- to approve the allocation of Pathfinder funding across the Authority in line with appendix A (available on request).

- to approve the application for Pathfinder status and Bretton Park as the site for the Adventure Playground.
- to agree to proceed with the consultation on the staffed play centres based on the objectives agreed with the Children and Life Long Learning and Community Development Scrutiny Panels in September 2008 and to remodel the service based on the objectives below and the consultation process.

These objectives are;

- To ensure access to play for all children across the city.
- To target resources on those areas in the city where outcomes are the poorest.
- To support parents and communities in developing play resources.

### **Reasons**

Playbuilders is a Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) initiative to promote improved play opportunities. The City Council was one of 43 authorities which were awarded funding for this purpose. Peterborough will receive £1.1 m for 22 play sites across the authority at £50,000 per site. The allocation of sites will reflect a needs analysis. The implementation of the playbuilders scheme will be managed through the Children and Families Service, which is linked to clusters of schools.

The recommended allocation of playbuilder sites reflect a fair and equitable distribution of sites across the city, backed up by a management infra-structure which can ensure implementation of the initiative within the tight timescale.

There is a further opportunity for the City Council to apply for play pathfinder status. This is also a DCSF initiative to support play but seeking innovative approaches towards promoting play. This will include £1.2m revenue and funding of £800,000 for an adventure playground or play park. The preference is for Bretton Park to be the site for the Pathfinder adventure playground, based on reasons of sustainability, accessibility and links to wider regeneration initiatives.

There is a need to review the management of the play centres, recognising that the present system does not respond to the objectives agreed with the scrutiny panel.

## **3.5 Schools Broadband Contract**

### **Decision**

**This decision includes an exempt annex which is NOT FOR PUBLICATION in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 in that it contains information relating to financial/business affairs, namely, details of the bids received, bidders names and the funding details. The public interest test has been applied to the information that is contained in the Exempt Annex to this Decision Notice and it is considered that the need to retain this information as exempt outweighs the public interest in it because to disclose it could compromise the Council's position in any future procurement for these services.**

Authority to award Schools Broadband Contract to Udata Infrastructure UK Limited for a term of seven years commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 and ending on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 for the provision of a Managed Service Broadband Network to Peterborough City Council schools.

The services offered will include all communications and networking links and equipment, maintenance, support and management of the network and the provision of management information

### **Reasons**

Following a number of clarification sessions and revised proposals, Udata Infrastructure UK Limited was identified as the preferred supplier, as it demonstrated that it was most responsive to requests and provided the most clarity in its responses to questions.

Udata Infrastructure UK Limited not only performed better when presenting its proposal, its proposal was also deemed to present a lesser risk in terms of hidden costs, such as BT open

reach excess charges, and it had very strong recommendations from existing schools clients relating to its flexibility, quality of service provision and its working relationship with schools.

Updata Infrastructure UK Limited also compared favourably to the other shortlisted supplier in terms of costs.

To summarise Updata Infrastructure UK Limited was selected because it:

- a) Offered best value for money
- b) Showed and demonstrated significant experience with schools
- c) Offered greater clarity around costs
- d) Excellent recommendations from its existing suppliers

#### **4. IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any specific implications are contained within the individual decision notices.

#### **5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- 5.1 The Panel is asked to consider the Executive Decisions which are relevant to the remit of the Panel and which have been made since the last meeting and if felt appropriate, to identify any decisions they may wish to examine in more detail.

#### **6 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Executive Decision notices from 22 September 2008.

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