

SALFORD CITY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

I (*insert name*) COUNCILLOR BILL HINDS

(*insert title*) Lead Member for Corporate Services

in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Paragraph J (a) (i) of Section 3 of the Scheme of Delegation of the Council do hereby authorise/approve/disapprove (insert details, continuing overleaf if necessary) The making of an exception to Contractual Standing Orders Part 4: Section 7 in accordance with paragraph 2.1. The exception relates to the procurement of a consultancy service.

The reasons are due to the very specialist nature of this work and the level of cost involved it is necessary to waive standing orders regarding the tendering process.

Options considered and rejected were The Deputy Director of Education and Leisure and the Assistant Director (CSO) interviewed three potential organisations with regard to providing a consultancy service for our BSF Programme. It was apparent that PLACE was the stronger at interview, by virtue of the greater relevance and a strong track record of having delivered this type of service to several authorities. Pricewaterhouse Coopers had not completely understood the nature of the work and subsequently declined to submit a formal proposal and withdrew from the process. Unfortunately the third organisation approached (Tribal) did not respond to our request to be interviewed.

Assessment of Risk Low

The source of funding is Savings on the Secondary Special High Schools PFI Contract, resulting from the delay in delivery of the two Schools at the second site.

Legal advice obtained Director of Customer and Support Services - consultation with staff.

Financial advice obtained Director of Customer and Support Services - consultation with Staff

The following documents have been used to assist the decision process. (If the documents disclose exempt or confidential information, they should not be listed, but the following wording shall be inserted :"(The relevant documents contain exempt or confidential information and are not available for public inspection)" : -

Report from the Director of Education and Leisure requesting the exception to

Contractual Standing Orders.

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- * This matter is also subject to consideration by the Lead Member for/Director of and, accordingly, has been referred to that Lead Member/Director for a decision
- * This decision is not subject to consideration by another Lead Member/Director
- * This document records a key decision, but the matter was not included in the Council's Forward Plan and it has been dealt with under the emergency procedure
- * This decision is urgent and is not subject to call-in, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Decision Making Procedure Rules.
- * The appropriate Scrutiny Committee to call-in the decision is the Customer and Support Scrutiny Committee Services

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* Tick boxes at end of these lines, as appropriate.

Signed Bill Hinds
Lead Member/Director

Dated 1.12.2004

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- * This decision was published on
- * This decision will come into force on #, unless it is called-in in accordance with the Decision Making Process Rules

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Insert date five working days after decision notice is to be published.