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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 12 November 2009

Subject: Connexions Intensive Support Wedge Based Contract

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The delegated decision to award the Connexions Intensive Support Wedge based contract to igen was called in, and considered by the Scrutiny Board at a meeting on 12 October 2009.
- 1.2 The Board resolved to refer the decision back to the decision maker for reconsideration, and agreed a report setting out the specific areas for reconsideration at its meeting on 15 October (Appendix 1).
- 1.3 A revised delegated decision, confirming the original decision to award the contract to igen was published on 23 October 2009. The main reasons for the confirmed decision, set against the areas for reconsideration identified by the Scrutiny Board, are set out in Appendix 8 to the delegated decision. This is an exempt appendix in accordance with rule 10.4(3) of the council's Access to Information procedure rules, as it relates to financial and business affairs. A copy of the delegated decision and supporting papers is attached (Appendix 2).

- 1.4 In accordance with the council's constitution, the revised delegated decision is not eligible for call in, and will be implemented as now published.
- 1.5 However, members of the Scrutiny Board indicated that, should the original decision be reconfirmed, they wished to have the opportunity to discuss the reasons for confirming the original decision in more detail with the decision maker. As a result the revised decision has been included on this agenda.
- 1.6 Members are advised that the only option for further scrutiny would be an inquiry to inform future practice. Such an inquiry would probably fall to the Central and Corporate Functions Scrutiny Board, relating to procurement policy and practice. For example Members may wish to ask that Board to examine one or more particular aspects, such as the impact of the commissioning approach on third sector organisations.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Board considers the attached report.

Background papers

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services), 12 October 2009 – Agenda and reports

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services), 15 October 2009 – Call In reference back report