

**COST AND VOLUME FOSTERING FRAMEWORK  
DATE FIRST INCLUDED IN THE FP: 11 NOVEMBER 2010**

**Nature of the decision:**

To approve contracts for the Cost and Volume for Fostering Framework agreements. The framework agreements are to be tendered during Autumn/Winter 2010, with an expectation of contracts being awarded for the start of the new financial year in April 2011. The Cost and Volume for Fostering Framework agreements provide Plymouth City Council with cost and volume discounts on foster placements with independent fostering agencies and ensure greater scrutiny of the quality of these agencies.

**Who will make the decision?** Cabinet (on the recommendation of Councillor Mrs Watkins)

**Timing of the decision?** 8 March 2011

**Who will be consulted and how?**

Persons to be consulted with:

Consultation has been carried out with managers in Services for Children and Young People, for their views on the specification for the framework contracts. Consultation has also been carried out with the bidders that will be invited to take part in the procurement process. Consultation has and will continue with local authority officers from procurement, legal and finance.

Process to be used:

Consultation will be through meetings, a training session and the submission of the business case and contract award report to officers.

**Information to be considered by the decision makers:**

Contract Award Report.

**Documents to be considered when the decision is taken**

None

**Representations:** In writing by 21 February 2011 to  
(1) Director of Services for Children and Young People;  
(2) Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member).

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