



COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS - ONGOING PURCHASING OF RESOURCES AND TRAINING FROM TRIPLE P.

REPORT BY HEAD OF CORPORATE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council Executive approval for a direct award for the ongoing purchasing of resources and training from Triple P for a 5 year period.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council Executive approves procurement from Triple P to allow continued delivery of services in the Early Years and Early Intervention and Prevention areas. The anticipated contract value is £37,500

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 Getting It Right For Every Child. Standing Orders of West Lothian Council and the Public Contracts Scotland (Regulations) 2015.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Giving children the best start in life.
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The annual budget is £7,500
VII	Consideration at PDSP	The Psychology of Parenting Project (of which Triple P Standard is part of) was considered by

VIII Other consultations

Our continued partnership work with NHS Education Scotland on the Psychology of Parenting Project will ensure that some of our training and resource costs will continue to be met by them. The Corporate Procurement Unit was consulted and the Corporate Finance Manager was consulted on budget implications.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D.1 Background

The Triple P Positive Parenting Programme is a parenting and family support system designed to prevent and treat behavioural and emotional problems in children and teenagers. It aims to prevent problems in the family, school and community before they arise and to create family environments that encourage children to realise their potential.

Triple P draws on social learning, cognitive behavioral and developmental theory as well as research into risk factors associated with the development of social and behavioral problems in children. It aims to equip parents and carers with the skills and confidence they need to be self-sufficient and to be able to manage family issues without ongoing support. Triple P Standard is delivered to parents of children up to 12 years, with Teen Triple P for parents of 12 to 16 year olds. There are also specialist programs for parents of children with a disability (Stepping Stones), one-off discussion groups and on-line courses.

The council have delivered Triple P programmes in West Lothian since 2013. Embedding this programme into service plans was part of the original the Psychology of Parenting Project plan and the council have been successful in developing supports in Teen Triple P and Stepping Stones as well as the Standard programme.

In order to continue to develop and deliver these services the council need to be able to procure resources and training directly from Triple P on an ongoing basis.

Triple P is ranked by the United Nations as the number 1 parenting programme in the world, based on the extent of its body of evidence. It is one of our main interventions aimed at supporting families in need in West Lothian.

D2 In House Capability and Business Case Exemption

There is no in house capability to undertake this service.

With previous expenditure now exceeding the Head of Corporate Services approval for a Business Case Exemption, Council Executive is required to consider the terms of this Report.

D3 Budget

The annual budget available for the delivery of the Positive Parenting Programme is £7,500 per annum.

E. CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Council Executive approves spend of £37,500 over the next 5 years in order to support the delivery of the Positive Parenting Programme.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Appendices/Attachments: None

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