

## COMMITTEE REPORT APPENDIX



<b>Meeting/Date</b>	Children, Families & Schools Subcommittee 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2004
<b>Report of</b>	Director, Children, Families and Schools
<b>Subject</b>	The Renewal of the Palmeira Service Contract
<b>Wards affected</b>	All

### **Financial implications**

The present contract price for Palmeira is £657,000 and is fully funded within the CF&S budget. It is difficult to forecast accurately the total annual cost of the service because the needs of the young people and of their carers will change over time. There can often be requests for additional care in response to challenging family circumstances. The unit costs for this service have been relatively high and to ensure value for money it is important that there is a rigorous and detailed contract negotiation process. As young people leave Palmeira it should become possible to limit future expenditure as admissions can be strictly controlled.

**Finance Officer consulted: David Ellis**

**Date 1.3.04**

### **Legal implications**

To be completed for every report. The relevant lawyer must be consulted in good time to confirm whether there are any legal/Human Rights Act implications arising from the proposals. Major legal issues should be dealt with in the body of the report and referred to briefly in this section. *Lawyer consulted:..... [insert]/Date .....[insert].*

<p><b>Corporate/Citywide implications</b> There are no wider implications</p>	<p><b>Risk assessment</b> Failure to renew the contract would place the Council in breach of an undertaking given in the High Court in January 2001.</p>
<p><b>Sustainability implications</b> There are no sustainability implications.</p>	<p><b>Equalities implications</b> Provision of the Palmeira service supports the inclusion of five severely disabled young people within their local community.</p>
<p><b>Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder</b> There are no implications for the prevention of crime and disorder.</p>	

### **Background papers [Part 1 reports only]**

1. Reports to P&R Committee May & November 2000 /.

### **Contact Officer**

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