

POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 5TH OCTOBER 2010

SUBJECT: CRUMLIN INSTITUTE

REPORT BY: CORPORATE EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING AND LEISURE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to respond to a request from Audit regarding a final account has increased by a margin greater than 10% to the original contract sum, Financial Regulations Section 28.05 requires a report to the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report identifies the reasons for the additional spends on the original contact price. The main reasons being increased costs through theft of materials, which needed to be replaced whilst the contract work was being undertaken. Also through access affording by scaffolding additional remedial re-rendering work was identified to the front wall of the Crumlin institute.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The work undertaken by the Youth Service contributes significantly to the "Education for Life" corporate strategy.
- 3.2 The Caerphilly Youth Service links directly with national priorities identified by WAG regarding young people, Youth Work and the Youth Service.
- 3.3 The work of the Youth Service directly links to Raising Standards and the 14-19 Learning Pathways Initiative.
- 3.4 The Youth Service complements and supports the work of the Caerphilly Safer Communities, Community First Initiatives and the Caerphilly Children and Young Peoples Partnership.
- 3.5 The Youth Service works directly to support the Extending Entitlement agenda.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The original capital available for remedial works to the roof of the Crumlin Institute was £65,512. Following the tender process, the successful tender was £74,999. As part of the tendering process, the costs for scaffolding to access the roof were incorporated into the successful tender. The structure of the Crumlin Institute is large rising four stories high from ground level. As such, to comply with health and safety requirements, the building had to be totally enclosed with scaffolding. During the roofing works, thieves accessed the scaffolding and removed a large section of lead flashing. The flashing had to be replaced and therefore incurred additional costs of £1,500. Further, with the access afforded by the scaffolding, the render on the front of the Crumlin Institute, roadside, was discovered to be faulty. Through

consultation with Property Services, remedial action was recommended to re-render the wall, whilst the scaffolding was still in situ. As such, a cost effective method was agreed. The rendering costs were £7,800.

- 4.2 Therefore to fully utilise existing scaffolding and achieve a cost effective remedy, the total cost for the works at Crumlin resulted in £84,298.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no personnel issues arising out of the content of the report.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 Peter Gomer, Assistant Director, Jane Southcombe, Accountant – Education and Leisure.
Nicole Scammel, Head Of Corporate Finance, Liz Lucas, Head Of Procurement.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Recommendation that members note the content of this report.

9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Information given on the increased margin from the original contract sum.

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