

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families - Monday, 7 October 2013***

***Statement of Decision***

**Present:**

Councillor Melinda Tilley, Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families

Officers: S. Carter and M. Edwards (Children, Education & Families); D. Miller (Law & Culture).

**Bournemouth Churches Housing Contract**

**Documentation considered:**

Report Bournemouth Churches Housing Contract

*A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.*

**Representations in person:**

In response to questions from Councillor Tilley regarding paragraph 12 of the report around safeguarding concerns, Ms Carter and Mr Williams reported that following the project receiving reports of bullying from late September last year to February this year, officers were going in regularly to the project and that they had carried out an Audit with LADDO. The Audit examined how the new project was running and took some actions immediately – there were now no shared rooms; staff had been trained to recognise bullying and new managers were in place with increased reporting and risk and support plans in place.

Significant funds had been put in place to repair the building from anti-social behaviour and make it safe for the residents, this would allow officers some time to explore a different model for support housing for young people.

In response to further questions from the Cabinet Member regarding safety, Officers confirmed that some of the more vulnerable young people to Windmill House.

**Cabinet Member's Comments:**

The Cabinet Member welcomed the increased monitoring around the safeguarding concerns and indicated that she would be happy to agree the recommendations until a different solution had been found.

**Decision**

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to approve this exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Signed .....  
Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families

Date .....2013