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**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of Meeting:** 19th July 2012

**Subject:** Meols Cop High School – New Extension

**Report of:** Director of the Built Environment

**Wards Affected:** Meols

**Is this a Key Decision?** No

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No

**Exempt/Confidential**

No

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### **Purpose/Summary**

The report provides details of the tenders received for the proposed new extension for the provision of a new library, IT Suite, 2 classrooms and 3 nurture rooms.

The total cost of the scheme is within the Children's Services Capital Programme budget provision of £908,000, funded from Capital Maintenance grant, and the lowest tender received is recommended for acceptance.

### **Recommendation(s)**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) Approve acceptance of the lowest tender received in the sum of £727,682.00.
- (ii) Subject to (i) above, authorise the Head of Corporate Legal Services to enter into a contract with the successful tenderer.

### **How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community	X		
2	Jobs and Prosperity	X		
3	Environmental Sustainability	X		
4	Health and Well-Being	X		
5	Children and Young People	X		
6	Creating Safe Communities		X	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	X		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	X		

**Reasons for the Recommendation:**

The recommendation is made in accordance with the Authorities constitution.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

Any revenue implications will be met from the school’s delegated budget (within the Dedicated Schools Grant) and will not impact on the Council’s General Fund.

**(B) Capital Costs**

Included within the Children’s Services Capital Programme is provision in the sum of £908,000 for this project, funded from Capital Maintenance grant.

The total cost can therefore be met from the current budget provision and the lowest tender can therefore be considered for acceptance.

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal:</b>	This level of expenditure requires the approval of the cabinet	
<b>Human Resources</b>	None	
<b>Equality</b>		
1. No Equality Implication		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated		<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact on Service Delivery:**

The implications of the project upon the operation of the school has been considered and addressed during the scheme development process and there will therefore be no significant impact upon service delivery.

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD1624/12) and Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD957) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

**Are there any other options available for consideration?**

The options for alternative school place provision have been considered by the Director of Children’s Services prior to adoption of these proposals. Technical proposal options have been considered throughout the design development process to establish the most appropriate and best value design solution available.

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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**Background Papers:**  
There are no background papers available for inspection.

## **1. Introduction/Background**

- 1.1 Meols Cop High school currently have temporary mobile classrooms to provide additional teaching space within the school and now require more permanent facilities.
- 1.2 The aim being to replace the temporary mobile teaching accommodation with purpose built, flexible spaces that will be suitable for teaching and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and provide a new library, IT suite and 3 nurture rooms for pupil withdrawal.
- 1.3 It is proposed to include within the works for the installation of photovoltaic (PV) panels generating electrical power that will significantly reduce the schools energy usage and contribute towards sustainable strategies.

## **2.0 TENDER ACTION**

- 2.1 Tenders to carry out the works have been invited from suitably qualified and experienced contractors, as follows (in alphabetical order):

Conlon Construction	Preston
D.Henderson & Son	Southport
Lyjon Company Ltd	Ellesmere Port
Mellwood Construction	Huyton
Walter Carefoot & Son Ltd	Preston
J.Yearsley & Son Ltd	St.Helens

- 2.2 Tenders were received on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012, as follows:

1	£727,682.00
2	£749,475.00
3	£759,720.00
4	£876,000.00
5	£838,622.00
6	£798,401.13

- 2.3 Tenders have been subject to technical and arithmetical checking and no obvious errors or omissions have been identified.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Included within the Children's Services capital programme is funding totalling £908,000, provided through the Capital Maintenance Grant allocation.
- 3.2 Subject to acceptance of the lowest tender received the total financial implications of the project may be summarised, as follows:

Lowest Tender Received	£727,682.00
Professional Fees	£ 92,504.00
Statutory Fees	£ 6,000.00
Legal Fees	£ 3,000.00
Site Investigation and trial holes	£11,500.00
IT Equipment	£11,000.00
<b>Total Scheme Cost</b>	<b>£851,686.00</b>

- 3.3 The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT can confirm that, following the Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 the new starts capital programme has been approved and that therefore Capital Maintenance grant resources of £908,000 is available in the Capital Programme for this scheme.
- 3.4 The total scheme cost can be contained within the total amount of funding available and the lowest tender can therefore be considered for acceptance.