

Support for Children’s Services – Isle of Wight – Strategic Director

Background

The Isle of Wight Council secured the services of Children First in December 2005 to support its internal capacity and to provide support in the lead up to a Joint Area Review in May 2006. As part of the package of support, Ian Sandbrook was given the role of Strategic Director for Children’s Services on the Isle of Wight.

The statutory duties of the post of Director of Children’s Services rest with the acting Chief Executive. The Strategic Director is fulfilling the following key functions:

- Providing leadership and management to the Directorate
- Supporting internal capacity
- Leading the work to develop the children’s services agenda including leading the work in preparation of the Joint Area Review
- Providing a catalyst to challenge educational under-performance
- Acting as the main point of contact for Children’s Services with central government departments and other agencies

The work of the Strategic Director is already having an impact across the directorate and the Council. In order to sustain those improvements and to provide stability in the lead-up to the Joint Area Review and the Year 11 examination period, it is proposed that the contract for this work is agreed to cover the period from 1 February 2006 to 31 July 2006.

Fees and costs

The costs given below are work out on the basis of the Strategic Director working a seven day fortnight. Over the period February to July this would total 84 days.

Type of work	Potential person	Number of days	Cost
Strategic Director	Ian Sandbrook	84	£67200

Existing terms and conditions will apply as per the signed contract. Fees are based on the assumption that the Council will provide us with working accommodation and administrative support to set up, accommodate and facilitate a range of meetings with appropriate stakeholders and will provide us with the documents and data required to undertake our work at all stages.

The fee for the strategic director for the period 1 February 2006 to 31 July 2006 will be £67200 plus VAT with expenses charged in addition and at cost. Typically this is equivalent to 6-10% of costs.