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| Report To: | Education & Lifelong Learning Committee | Date: | 12 May 2009 |
| Report By: | Corporate Director Education and Social Care | Report No: | EDUC/57/09/CL |
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| Subject: | Use of B-Active as a supplier of a unique service to Education | | |

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee to obtain the services of B-Active who provide unique services to certain young people in Inverclyde schools.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report provides the background to the above request.
- 2.2 Quality, efficiency and value for money have been paramount in discussions with this company.
- 2.3 Due to the nature of the services we would be procuring from B-Active we would be unable to find another company offering precisely the same range of services.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to approve the use of this supplier as a unique supplier in the current financial year and that the name of the company be added to lists brought to Committee in the next financial year.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 B-Active is a small Paisley-based company which offers sports coaching to young people whose behaviour causes concern at times in schools.
- 4.2 Qualified, disclosed coaches provide individual or group sessions across a range of sports using local facilities as far as possible.
- 4.3 The service includes transport between the school and the facility and parental consent is obtained before a pupil is allocated to the service.
- 4.4 The provision of coaching is often therapeutic to a child with social emotional or behavioural difficulties and provides a degree of respite to the school. It is another strategy to promote inclusion and reduce exclusion from school.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 All expenditure will be contained within budget. Expenditure with B-Active will be in the region of £25,000 between Education and Social Work.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Consultation has taken place with certain head teachers regarding the selective and targeted use of B-Active.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The proposal outlined above will ensure that B-Active is used as a service with Council approval.