**Warrington Borough Council Dynamic Purchasing System for**

**Early Years Training and Childcare Training**

**Overview**

Warrington Borough Council wishes to establish a Dynamic Purchasing system for the provision of training for people who work with children. The provider will be working within a childcare setting, including child-minders, day nursery staff, children’s centre staff and occasionally council employees.

The DPS is a two-stage process.

**Qualifying Stage**

In the initial setup stage, all suppliers who meet the selection criteria and are not excluded must be admitted to the DPS. This is assessed through a Suitability Questionnaire by all interested suppliers.

Suppliers can also apply to join the DPS at any point during its lifetime.

The lifetime of the DPS will be 72 months, with the option to extend this by 2 further periods of 1 year.

The DPS will be divided into the following Lots with sub-lots, this will ensure that in further competition is reduced to those suitable and capable of undertaking the work and suppliers not able are not invited.

Lot 1 – Health and safety

Lot 2 – First Aid

Lot 3 – Leadership and management

Lot 4 – EYFS

Sub-lots – 4.1 Personal, social and emotional development

4.2 Communication and language

4.3 Physical development

4.4 Literacy

4.5 Mathematics

4.6 Understanding the world

4.7 Expressive arts and design

4.8 The safeguarding and welfare requirements

Lot 5 – Working with the over fives

Lot 6 - SENCO and Inclusion

**Award of contracts**

Individual contracts are awarded during the second stage. In this stage, the Council invites all suppliers in the relevant lot within the DPS to bid for the specific contract.

In the competitions for individual contracts the council may use a variety of methods for award which will be notified to bidders at the time of competition.

The legislation for operating DPS competitions requires a minimum time period of 10 days to conduct the competition, unless it is agreed with bidders that a shorter period of time is used. The Council proposes that in most cases the 10 days period is used. However, a shorter period may be used in circumstances to meet client need; it is likely in these instances to be for short term needs and/or relatively low value contracts.