

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING CABINET BOARD

10th January 2019

Report of the Head of Adult Services– A. THOMAS

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Cadoxton or Bryncoch South

COMMISSIONING OF CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES IN A SUPPORTED LIVING SCHEME

Purpose of the Report

To obtain Member approval to undertake a procurement exercise for the provision of care and support within a supported living scheme.

Executive Summary

This report sets out a proposal to undertake a procurement exercise in order to appoint an experienced provider to deliver care and support services to a number of people with a learning disability in a supported living scheme.

Background

On 31st October 2018, Welsh Government approved an Integrated Care Fund (ICF) bid submitted by First Choice Housing, to develop two supported living schemes. To comply with the ICF grant conditions, First Choice Housing must draw down the funding for the first scheme in the 2018/19 financial year.

The purpose of these schemes are to support people with a complex disability to move into their own home and be supported to have their own tenancy. Supported living schemes enable the promotion of a person's independence and helps them to be part of their local community.

On 13th September 2018 Members approved a proposal to establish a framework for the provision of supported living schemes for people with a learning disability (background paper 1); it is anticipated that this framework will be in place from spring 2019. As there is a requirement to commission care and support prior to the framework being established, there is a need to undertake a procurement exercise to identify a suitably experienced provider for the new supported living scheme.

Providers wishing to be considered for this opportunity will be evaluated based on their quality and cost in order to identify which bidder will offer the most economically advantageous tender. The bidder offering the most economical advantageous tender will be awarded the contract to deliver care and support services in the supported living scheme.

Financial Impact

The net social services budget for external provision of learning disability services in 2018/19 is £9,887,790. In addition, £1,337,307 of Supporting People Programme Grant (SPPG) funding is allocated to learning disability providers for the delivery of housing related support.

It is not possible to indicate the financial impact of this proposal until the services have been tendered and the Council has evaluated the bids. The procurement process will ensure that the Council contracts with providers that are able to offer best value for money, taking into account both the quality and cost of the bidder's submissions.

Funding for the provision of care and support delivered within the supported living scheme will be absorbed into the available Adult Social Care budget.

Equality Impact Assessment

An EIA is not required for this report; equality considerations will be addressed through the procurement process to ensure providers are

compliant with equality legislation and support the Council in meeting its public sector duties.

Workforce Impacts

The contents of this report do not have any impact on the Council's workforce.

Legal Impacts

Under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 the Council is obliged to act in an open fair and transparent manner, ensuring that contract opportunities for social care and health services in excess of £615,278 is advertised to reach a wide market in order to encourage as much competition as is possible. The value of these services mean that they are caught by the aforementioned procurement rules.

The cost of the service exceeds the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) threshold of £615,278 for undertaking a competitive tender. As such, the Council is required to undertake a procurement exercise for the service in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Risk Management

There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

That agreement is given for:

- a. The Head of Adult Services to undertake a procurement exercise to commission care and support services to people living in the supported living scheme.
- b. Following the procurement process, for the Head of Adult Services to be granted delegated authority to enter into a contract

with the bidder evaluated as offering the most economically advantageous tender (taking into account the quality and cost of the bids), for the provision of care and support to people residing in the supported living scheme.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

Undertaking a procurement exercise for the delivery of care and support services within the supported living scheme will ensure that the Council is legally compliant when purchasing these services. In addition, this will ensure that the Council is best placed to continue meeting the needs and demands of those that require these services through the purchasing of high quality and financially sustainable services.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

None.

List of Background Papers

Commissioning of Learning Disability Services

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