

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING CABINET BOARD**

**2nd May 2019**

## **Report of the Head of Adult Services– Ms A. THOMAS**

### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** All

### **COMMISSIONING OF CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES IN A SUPPORTED LIVING SCHEME**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

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

#### **Executive Summary**

2. 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 mental health needs in a supported living scheme.

#### **Background**

3. On 31st October 2018, Welsh Government approved an Integrated Care Fund (ICF) bid submitted by First Choice Housing, to develop two supported living schemes. The first scheme was for people with a learning disability and officers are in the process of establishing this scheme.

4. To comply with the ICF grant conditions, First Choice Housing must draw down the funding for the second scheme in the 2019/20 financial year.

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

6. On the 10th January 2019, Members approved for the Head of Adult Services to receive delegated authority to commence a procurement process for the delivery of care and support within the first scheme and to enter into a contract with the bidder evaluated as offering the most economically advantageous tender (background paper 1).

7. Now that the second scheme is in the process of development, there is a need for officers to commence a procurement exercise to commission the required care from a suitably experienced provider. 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.

8. A number of the people identified to move into this scheme are subject to Section 117 arrangements, as such their care and support will be jointly funded with Swansea Bay University Health Board (SB UHB). SB UHB are partners to this development and are working with the Council to establish the scheme.

### **Financial Impact**

9. The net social services budget for external provision for mental health services in 2019/20 is £1,907,810.

10. 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.

11. Some of the people identified to move into these schemes are subject to Section 117 arrangements, as such their packages will be jointly funded with the SB UHB. 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**

12. An EIA is not required for this report.

13. 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**

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

## **Legal Impacts**

15. 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 are advertised to reach a wide market in order to encourage as much competition as is possible.

16. The cost of the service is likely to exceed 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 Light Touch Regime under Public Contract Regulations 2015.

17. In addition the Council must comply with its own Contract Procedure Rules.

## **Risk Management**

18. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

## **Consultation**

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

## **Recommendations**

20. 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 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**

21. 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**

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

### **Appendices**

None

### **List of Background Papers**

23. Commissioning Care and Support in a Supported Living Scheme

<http://modern.gov.neath-portalbot.gov.uk/documents/s44510/Commissioning%20of%20Care%20and%20Support%20Services%20in%20a%20Supported%20Living%20Scheme%2010%20Jan%202019.pdf>

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