

REPORT TO: Executive Board
DATE: 15 September 2016
REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Adult Social Services
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Supported Accommodation (Vulnerable Adults)
Tender
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report gives an update to Executive Board on the implementation of the vulnerable adults support accommodation services following completion of the tender exercise.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board notes the content of the report.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Invitation to Tender to deliver supported accommodation services for adults with learning disabilities, autism, physical disabilities, mental health issues or acquired brain injury was advertised in October 2015. The tender consisted of 7 geographic zones plus an option to be included in a framework agreement for future business.

3.2 Contracts were awarded to PossAbilities, Community Integrated Care and United Response for 3 years from June 2016 to May 2019 with an option to extend for a further 1 year subject to satisfactory performance.

3.3 Subsequently the contract for United Responses 3 zones was withdrawn due to the additional funding required for the provider to deliver the service. Therefore, the position as of June 2016 was as follows:

Zone	Provider
1	PossAbilities
2	PossAbilities
3	CIC
4	-
5	-
6	-
7	PossAbilities

3.4 A report was taken to the 16th June, 2016 Executive Board meeting,

requesting permission to award to the next ranked provider in each of the 3 zones. This resulted in Zone 5 being offered to Community Integrated Care and Zones 4 and 6 being offered to Clece Care.

- 3.5 Based on the advice available at the time Executive Board also agreed to a contingency arrangement whereby should Clece Care be unable to deliver services in Zones 4 and 6 the Council could offer these Zones to PossAbilities and Community Integrated Care despite this resulting in one provider being awarded a total of 4 services.
- 3.6 Following a meeting with Clece Care and subsequent review of their costs, they were unable to provide the service within the available budget.
- 3.7 Further advice was sought from Legal and Procurement about the process for awarding the zones, who advised that we are not able to award 4 Zones to one provider as this was not in line with the Council's initial intention.
- 3.8 It was agreed a further procurement opportunity would be offered to those providers who got through to Stage II of the original tender. A further evaluation was completed.
- 3.9 Following the evaluation, Zone 6 was awarded to Community Integrated Care, and Zone 4 was awarded to Making Space.

The following table gives details of the full award:

Zone	Agency	Ranking	Contract Value
4 - WA7 4	Making Space	2	£2,112,042
6 - WA7 5	Community Integrated Care	1	£1,810,035
TOTAL			£3,922,077

- 3.10 The final position is as follows:

Zone	Provider
1	PossAbilities
2	PossAbilities
3	CIC
4	Making Space
5	CIC
6	CIC
7	PossAbilities

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The method of procurement has complied with the Public Contract Regulations, 2015 and the Council's own Procurement Standing Orders.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The financial implications are highlighted in 3.5 and 3.7 above and are allocated within the Directorate's budget. The tender process has given service providers the opportunity to ensure hourly rates are compliant with the Living Wage increases and that Sleeping Night Rates are in line with recent case law requiring payment of National Minimum Wage. By testing the market the Council has been able to ensure that the purchase of quality care represents value for money.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

Appropriate accommodation for some young people through the transition planning stage is essential, with a particular focus on young people in care.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Halton's adult accommodation model works in partnership with other agencies to promote employment and skills, working towards greater independence of individuals.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Individuals with additional needs or vulnerability can have disproportionate health related issues or life-long conditions. The current and future modelling will continue to promote health equalities

6.4 A Safer Halton

All providers will comply with Halton's Safeguarding Practice and Procedures and will ensure that individuals are aware how to stay safe, how to report incidents and to promote safe community inclusion.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There is potential for a challenge by unsuccessful organisations, however this risk has been mitigated by the robust procurement process and giving an opportunity for resubmission of costs to ensure compliance with Living Wage and National Minimum Wage.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 All successful providers will be required to demonstrate that they embrace and comply with the Equality Act, and services will be monitored to ensure this is the case.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None identified under the meaning of the Act.