

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES - 6 OCTOBER 2009**

### **PROVISION OF HOUSING AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN, VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE AND TEENAGE PARENTS**

**Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families**

#### **Introduction**

##### **Purpose of the paper and key issues**

1. To provide recommended options for the award of contracts for young persons and young families accommodation and support services in service packages one to four across Oxfordshire.

##### **Background**

2. In May 2009, Oxfordshire's Joint Commissioning Strategy 2009-2014 was published setting out the approach to improving the quality, effectiveness and value for money of housing and related support services for young people and families. Funding for the strategy was brought together from the following sources:
  - (i) Children, Young People and Families Directorate (CYPF) in relation to care leavers aged 16 and 17 and unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
  - (ii) Supporting People Partnership for housing related support for 16 – 24 year olds who require supported housing.
  - (iii) Oxford City Council for a reconnection and referral service in Oxford.
  - (iv) Oxford City, Cherwell, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils which are contributing towards a supported lodgings service, along with Supporting People and CYPF.
3. It was agreed in March 2009 that the procurement would be by open tender. The Invitation to Tender (ITT) was issued in early June 2009, with a closing date of 13 July 2009. Organisations were invited to bid for a range of provision across five service package areas.
  - **Service Package 1:** Reconnection and Referral Service in Oxford City.
  - **Service Package 2:** Housing and support for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) in Oxford.
  - **Service Package 3:** Supported Lodgings Service across Oxfordshire.
  - **Service Package 4:** Housing and support high risk young people with multiple needs.
  - **Service Package 5:** Supported Housing for single young people and young families, across all five districts.

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Service packages one to four are funded through CYP&F while service package five is funded through the Supporting People Partnership budget.

4. All bids, across all service packages, were scored on a 60/40, quality/cost basis.
5. The joint commissioning process included representatives from all of the City and District Councils, CYPF and the Supporting People Team. In July 2009 all of the partners signed a formal partnering agreement relating to the procurement of housing and related support services for young people and young families.
6. The Invitation to Tender documentation provided full details of the procurement process and identified that it 'may comprise of any or all of the following elements - tender response, supplier presentation and site visits.' In addition, it highlighted 'the right to shortlist tenderers after the tender stage and invite short listed applicants to the supplier presentation stage'.
7. All of the proposals, across all of the service packages, were evaluated in line with the process that was set out in the ITT documentation, and the outcome cannot be changed.
8. The tables set out in Annex 2 show the scores achieved, in percentages, by all organisations which were invited to the presentation stage. Overall cost of each bid over the three year life of the contract is also shown.

### **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

In the event that any member or officer wishing to discuss the information set out in Annex 2 the Committee will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for consideration of the annex by passing the following resolution:

*The public should be excluded during discussion of annex 2 because its discussion in public would be likely to lead to the disclosure to members of the public present information in the following prescribed category:*

*Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that where information has been supplied in commercial confidence such disclosure would prejudice the commercial position of the parties involved.*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

9. **The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families is RECOMMENDED to confirm the award of contracts as follows:**
  - (i) **Service package one (Reconnection and Referral Service) that CRI are awarded the contract.**

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- (ii) **Service package two (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Service) that Key2 are awarded the contract.**
- (iii) **Service package three, (Supported Lodgings Service) that Stonham are awarded the contract.**
- (iv) **Service package four (Housing and Support for high risk young people with multiple needs) that Key2 are awarded the contract.**

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Background Papers: Nil

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Pathway through young people’s housing and related support for young people aged 16-24 years.

Prevention, Assessment, Referral →		Access →	Progression →	Move – through →	Independence	
Assessment completed by social worker		<b>Service package 2: Housing and support for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASCs)</b>  <i>Based in Oxford City only</i>				
1a) For 16 & 17s: • YPHA completed jointly by a social worker and housing officer  1b) For young people in care /care leavers: • YPHA completed by Leaving Care / social worker  1c) For 18 - 25s: • YPHA completed as a referral form by approved organisation	<b>Service package 1: Reconnection and referral</b>  <i>In Oxford City only</i>	<b>Service package 3: Supported Lodgings</b>  <i>Accessible to young people from across Oxfordshire</i>				
		<b>Service package 4: Housing for high risk young people with multiple needs</b>  <i>Accessible to young people from across Oxfordshire</i>				
			<b>Service package 5: Supported housing with</b>  <i>Based in all districts</i>		<b>Step-down &amp;</b>	<b>Out-reach</b>
2) If supported housing need: • YPHA sent to relevant referral co-ordinator in district or social care • Referral sent to relevant service  3) service processes referral and offers place						Floating support
<b>Average time in service (months)</b>	<b>1 month</b>	<b>1.5 – 6 months</b>	<b>6-18 months</b>	<b>6 months</b>	<b>3 mths</b>	