

CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES – 4 NOVEMBER 2009

PROVISION OF HOUSING AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND TEENAGE PARENTS.

Report by Director for Social & Community Services

Introduction

Purpose of the paper and key issues:

1. To provide recommended options for the contract awards for the young person's and teenage parent's accommodation and support services in service package five 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:
 1. Children, Young People and Families Directorate (CYPF) in relation to care leavers aged 16 and 17 and unaccompanied asylum seeking children
 2. Supporting People Partnership for housing related support for 16 – 24 year olds who require supported housing
 3. Oxford City Council for a reconnection and referral service in Oxford
 4. Oxford City, Cherwell, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White House District Councils who 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.

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

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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. These representatives formed the project steering group. 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 in Annex 1 show the scores achieved, in percentages, by all of the organisations who were invited to the presentation stage. The overall cost of each bid over the three year life of the contract is also shown, as are the unit costs.

Reasons why Annex is Exempt

9. *Annex 1 contains information that has been supplied in commercial confidence.*

The public should therefore be excluded during consideration of Annex 1 because its discussion in public would be likely to lead to the disclosure to members of the public present information in the following category prescribed by Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):

Category 3 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

10. **The Cabinet Member for Adult Services is RECOMMENDED to confirm the award of contracts as follows:**
 - (a) **Young people's service based in Vale of White Horse District Council area;** Guinness Care and Support are awarded a contract for 21 units.

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- (b) **Teenage parent's service based in Vale of White Horse District Council area;** No contract is awarded and the service is re-tendered.
- (c) **Young people's service based in South Oxfordshire District Council area;** Stonham are awarded a contract for 11 units.
- (d) **Teenage parent's service based in South Oxfordshire District Council area;** No contract is awarded and the service is re-tendered.
- (e) **Young people's service based in West Oxfordshire District Council area;** No contract is awarded and the service is re-tendered.
- (f) **Teenage parent's service based in West Oxfordshire District Council area;** Stonham are awarded a contract for 6 units.
- (g) **Young people's service based in Oxford City Council;** BCHA are awarded a contract for 27 units.
- (h) **Teenage parent's service based in Oxford City Council Teenage parent's service;** Stonham are awarded a contract for 17 units.
- (i) **Young people's service based in Cherwell District Council area;** Stonham are awarded a contract for 9 units in Bicester and Sanctuary Housing are awarded a contract for 19 units in Banbury.
- (j) **Teenage parent's service based in Cherwell District Council area;** Stonham are awarded a contract for 4 units in Bicester and Sanctuary Housing are awarded a contract for 20 units in Banbury

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