

Decision Maker: CARE SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Care Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 10th March 2016

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: SUPPORTED LIVING - LEARNING DISABILITY SCHEME

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Chief Officer: Assistant Director: Commissioning Education Care and Health Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The service was recently tendered along with three other supported living services but no contract was awarded. In order to ensure the Council achieves the optimum quality and value for money for the service it is intended to review the groupings of these schemes and retender them in the near future. However the contract for services at Dunstonian Court expires on 30th June 2016 with no extension period available under the current contract therefore a new contract is required.
- 1.2 The service is currently being managed by Sunnyside to a satisfactory standard; clients are well settled into their accommodation and access various activities within the community. In addition the service has been regularly monitored by the Contract Compliance Officer and no issues have been raised.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Care Services PDS Committee is asked to note and comment on the contents of this report:
- 2.2 The Care Services Portfolio Holder is asked to:
- i) Agree to award a contract for Supported Living services delivered at Dunstonian Court by Sunnyside for up to 12 months from 1.7.2016
 - ii) That Portfolio Holder delegate the authority to officers to retender this service in a way that will optimise quality and value for money.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Supporting Independence:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost: Maximum £153k in 2016/17;
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost: The future recurring cost will be subject to tenders that will be undertaken to enable award in 2017.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: 819 500 (Learning Disabilities Services – Supported Living)
 4. Total current budget for this head: £6,824k
 5. Source of funding: Contained within existing budget, no additional funding required
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): LBB staff are engaged in contract monitoring and quality assurance.
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 0.25 full time equivalent.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement:
 2. Call-in: Applicable:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): 4 adults with learning disabilities
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The contract provides for care and support services for 4 adults living within a supported living service situated in Dunstonian Court, Petts Wood. All the clients have a learning disability but may also have challenging behaviour, mental health and / or complex health needs. The aim of the Service is to maximise the client's independence and activities within the community
- 3.2 The service was tendered in late 2015 along with three other supported living services (Padua Road, 111 Masons Hill and Century Way). Following evaluation of the submitted tenders it was found that the Council would not achieve the optimum balance of quality and value for money. As a consequence the decision was taken not to take the contract through to award recommendation following discussion with Members on the award criteria.
- 3.3 There is no option to extend the current contract for support at Dunstonian Court in Petts Wood. Therefore it is proposed to enter into a new contract for a period of up to one year for this scheme.
- 3.4 The Portfolio Holder is also requested to delegate the authority to officers to retender these services in a way that will optimise quality and value for money utilising a 60% price, 40% quality weighting.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's commitment to Building a Better Bromley to supporting people to live as independently as possible within the community, the proposals reflect the Council's strategic objectives for people with disabilities.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The contracts detailed in this report are funded from existing budgets. The expenditure for this scheme for 2016/17 is £153k (the actual amount varies according to individual client need).

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The proposal is for a time limited one off contract. Contracts of this nature used to be classed as contracts under Part B of Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 and as such were not subject to the full requirements of the EU procurement regime. The Public Contracts regulations 2015 removed the distinction between procedures for tendering Part A services which required full compliance and Part B services which did not. However a range of former Part B contracts (such as this one) are now subject to a higher threshold set out in Article 4(d) of the European Procurement Directive which is presently £589,000 and even when over that threshold a lighter touch procurement regime applies. On this basis the council only needs to secure compliance with its contact procedure rules.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	