

Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	Thursday 7 th September 2017
Subject:	Tender for the Procurement of a Supported Living Service for Clients with Learning Disabilities and Autism.		
Report of:	Director Social Care and Health	Wards Affected:	Linacre Ward
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care		
Is this a Key Decision:	Yes	Included in Forward Plan:	Yes
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commence a procurement exercise for the provision of a Supported Living Care provider service.

Recommendation(s):

Cabinet to approve the following:

- (1) Commencement of a procurement exercise to select a Supported Living Care provider to provide services for five adults with a learning disability.
- (2) Delegation of decisions to award contract, following the procurement exercise, to the *Director of Health & Social Care*, in consultation with the *Cabinet Member- Adult Social Care*.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

A cohort of younger clients with learning disabilities and/or autism, have been assessed by Adult Social Care under the Care Act 2014, as requiring a Supported Living service.

There is currently no suitable alternative provision available for these five individuals in existing services. There is a need to achieve compatibility reflecting the age range of the young adults, and complexity of needs, and current availability does not offer this due to the difference in age ranges in provision. In addition, there is a need to ensure that the complexity of behaviours displayed by the group, are met.

Council members agreed a new model for supported living on 4th February 2016 , which included exploring larger models of accommodation. This option would enable a service to be developed which meets this model of service delivery and provides the resources required in the Borough to meet ongoing needs via an established housing provider with affordable rent levels.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

- **Placing service users in vacancies within existing services** - this has been deemed unsuitable by Adult Social care due to the age range of the five individuals and complexity of their needs.
- **To maintain the current arrangements** – whilst the funding responsibility transferred to Adult Social when the young person reached 18yrs old, they are currently still in Children’s Services placements and could stay there until more suitable vacancies in current Adult Social Care provision becomes available. This option is not felt to be suitable by Adult Social Care as these existing services reflect outcomes for Children’s provision, whereas the opportunity to establish a new provision within the model agreed for adults will provide a more sustainable outcome for the young people and offers a more cost effective option. Opportunity will be taken to utilise assistive technology and implement an outcome based approach to support which will enhance life skills and develop independence and resilience.

Adult Social Care has undertaken this analysis on both options but have rejected them as being unsuitable.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

Revenue Costs with respect to the new contracts will be met from the existing provision for these clients within the Adult Social Care budget. The anticipated ceiling price of this contract would be in the region of £336k per annum. The contract value based over a 4 year period (as per Contract Procedure rule 1.10.2 which reflects Regulation 6(19) of the Public Contract Regulations) is approximately £1,344k

(B) Capital Costs

There are no capital costs associated with the implementation of the recommendations of this report.

Implications of the Proposals:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):
Legal Implications: Care Act 2014 Care and Support Statutory Guidance

Equality Implications:

The equality Implications have been identified and mitigated

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

The proposals set out in this report contribute towards the following Council's Core Purpose in the domains below.

Protect the most vulnerable: This service will help to protect this vulnerable group who have complex needs and have no capacity to protect themselves
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: The design of the service model will seek to enhance community integration.
Commission, broker and provide core services: This service will be person centred, outcome based and will meet the needs of the service users and is a current gap in service provision
Place – leadership and influencer: N/A
Drivers of change and reform: The service will be commissioned in line with the new model for Supported Living agreed by the Council in February 2016.
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: N/A
Greater income for social investment: N/A
Cleaner Greener N/A

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD4782/17) and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD4782/17) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(C) External Consultations

Consultation has taken place with service users families and carers

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

1. Introduction/Background:

- 1.1 A group of five individuals have been reviewed by Adult Social Care and assessed under the Care Act (2014) as needing a Supported Living Service. An analysis undertaken by Adult Social Care has reviewed all existing services and identified that none of this current provision is suitable.
- 1.2 Presently, of those currently living in Supported Living services within Sefton, over 50% are over the age of 55 and predominately male. The age range of the people being considered here is 18 to 25 years. Inappropriate placements in existing Supported Living services could result in the destabilisation of such services due to the dynamics of the service user group. It could also hinder the opportunity to further maximise the potential of the identified group where a more effective outcome based model of support is required
- 1.3 There is a need to secure more sustainable provision for the five individuals, some of whom are still placed within existing Children's services while the others have not been able to transition into their Adult Service provision due to a placement not being identified.
- 1.4 A five bed property has been identified in Bootle, which is of a high specification and is owned by a Registered Social Landlord, who can offer any necessary adaptations to the property as required and is able to achieve affordable rent levels. The property fulfils the ambition of the agreed supported living model and will provide a sustainable resource in the Borough to maintain these services.

2. The Procurement Exercise & Awarding of the Contract

- 2.1 This procurement exercise is in relation to securing an appropriate care provider to deliver the care and support to these individuals within this property, as per the Authorities statutory obligations. Procurement will be via The Chest using an OJEU Open Tender process in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. A contract will be agreed with the successful provider to commence following completion of the procurement exercise. It is anticipated that the service should commence around November/December 2017. The identified service users will remain in existing services until the agreed commencement date when a plan for transition will be agreed with the successful provider.
- 2.2 The basis of evaluation will be MEAT (Most Economically Advantageous Tender) taking into consideration a balance between Quality and Cost. As the contract is expected to be for four years, there will be a strong emphasis on Quality as part of the tender evaluation. Costs will be based on an agreed set of fee rates and are anticipated to produce a saving on current costs for supporting these individuals based upon the introduction of the new model of support. The evaluation will be

conducted by officers of Adult Social Care, the Commissioning Support Team and also service user family/advocate representatives in order to ensure that the successful tenderer is appointed who best meets desired outcomes.

- 2.3 Following the tender evaluation process it is recommended that the decision to award the contract is delegated to the *Director of Health and Social Care*, in consultation with the *Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care*.