

Finance & Resources Committee

10am, Tuesday, 25 April 2023

Contract Award for the provision of Specialist Day and Residential Support for Children and Young People with a Disability

Executive	Children, Education and Justice Services
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1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Finance & Resources Committee:

- 1.1.1 Approves the award of contract for the provision of Specialist Day and Residential Support for Children and Young People with a Disability to Barnardo's from 1st May 2023 for a period of five years with the option to extend for a further five years, at 12-month intervals with a total estimated cost of £5.73 million over the life of the contract.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks approval to award the contract for the provision of Specialist Day and Residential Support for Children and Young People with a Disability to Barnardo's to commence on 1st May 2023 for an initial period of five years with the option to extend for a further five years, at 12-month intervals.

3. Background

- 3.1 The City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) works with families to support them to continue to care for their child(ren) with a disability. Residential (building based) short breaks and daytime short breaks are an integral part of that support.
- 3.2 The purpose of this service is to ensure that the children and young people can remain in the care of their family and that residential short breaks are provided in a way that enhances the quality of their life. This also prevents full time accommodation and escalation to more intensive provisions, especially in Out of Authority residential settings.
- 3.3 The residential/day short breaks service is commissioned to provide a minimum of 10 children and young people at any one-time day short breaks (in the home, community or building based) and up to 550 bed nights per annum for residential.
- 3.4 This service has proven to be invaluable to families that have disabled children with complex needs and behaviour that challenges. Whilst the Council does have other short breaks provision, due to the level of demand for overnight support, we need the additional capacity that this service provides.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Council published a Prior Information Notice (PIN) with call for competition on Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) on 10th December 2021 to determine interest from potential contractors and inform the supply market.

- 4.2 Service requirements included the need for a specially adapted building within the Edinburgh area, it was anticipated that this would be a challenge for the market. To mitigate the risk of not gaining sufficient interest in the market, the Council advertised for a longer contract term.
- 4.3 There were seven notes of interest received. However, only one was viable due to the requirements of having access to their own adapted property. This note of interest was received from the incumbent. The proposal was evaluated against the service specification and criteria and deemed fully compliant with no noted weaknesses.
- 4.4 Although only one viable proposal was received the proposal meets the overall requirements as set out in the service specification, to have an adapted building and provide a service that can meet the specific needs of the children and young people, and their families.
- 4.5 The property offered is located in the west area of the city (EH12) and is specially adapted to meet the complex support needs of the specific service users whilst encouraging learning and developing their social skills.
- 4.6 This contract is not an outsourcing of a current in-house service, and is being awarded to the incumbent provider, therefore transition arrangements will be seamless.
- 4.7 Appendix 1 summarises the tendering and tender evaluation processes.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Subject to approval, the contract will be awarded, implemented, and mobilised.
- 5.2 Barnardo's are the incumbent and so a seamless contract implementation is anticipated. The contract will be managed in line with Children, Education and Justices Services contract management procedure.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The total value is estimated to be approximately £5.73 million over the maximum term of the contract which officers negotiated as a sum within budget.
- 6.2 The current contract evidences the most cost-effective option for the Council and offers the best outcomes for families. One complex needs out of authority placement can cost up to £500,000 per annum per child. Based on the number of children currently accessing this service we would require an estimated budget of £8 million per annum.
- 6.3 The costs associated with procuring this contract are estimated at up to £10,000.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The supplier has confirmed their commitment to offer community benefits as part of this contract. These will be confirmed with the Provider and will be around the area of:
- Promotion of job opportunities in the first instance through Council local agencies, including Edinburgh Guarantee, Jet and Joined up for Jobs.
 - Work experience placements.
- 7.2 There is also regular feedback from parents and carers about the need for this provision and the benefits that having this support offers.
- 7.3 Barnardo's has a Sustainability Strategy (2021 – 2026) in place and have identified areas in which changes to behaviour and practice could limit or reduce their environmental impact. These include, reducing emissions, monitoring, and reducing energy consumption, reduce waste and increase recycling rates, sustainable procurement, education, and communication.

8. Background reading/external references

N/A

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 Summary of Tendering and Tender Evaluation Processes

Appendix 1 – Summary of Tendering and Tender Evaluation Processes

Contract	Short Breaks for Disabled Children and Young People with Complex Care Needs	
Contract Period	Five years, with the option to extend for an additional five years, at 12-month intervals.	
Estimated Aggregate Contract Value (including extensions)	Estimated at £5.73 million over the maximum term of the contract.	
Procurement Route Chosen	Social and other specific services – PIN – Call for Competition: procedure with negotiations	
Tenders Returned	1	
Recommended supplier	Barnardo's	
Price / Quality Split	40/60	
Cost/Quality Rationale	Criteria – evaluated in accordance with the criteria below.	
Quality Criteria	Q1	Management and Staffing
	Q2	Working with Young People with Challenging Behaviours
	Q3	Working with Families
	Q4	Working in Partnership
	Q5	Business Continuity
	Q6	The Environment
	Q7	Community Benefits
	Q8	Fair Work Practices
	Q9	Fair Work Management Information
Evaluation Team	Children, Education and Justice Services	
Procurement Costs	Up to £10,000	