

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 04/07/23

Title: Dynamic Purchasing System for Domiciliary Care

Purpose of the report: To provide the outcome of the procurement exercise

For: Decision

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member: Cllr Alun Williams, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Through Age and Wellbeing

BACKGROUND:

- The existing Domiciliary Care contract was no longer fit for purpose because of how it was priced, the Council wanted a model which had a standard rate across the providers therefore it was necessary to tender a new DPS. By tendering the services, this has now been rectified and the services are compliant with contract procedure rules.
- Extensive evaluation and provider engagement with the market was undertaken, and this has been fed into the new framework.
- As a dynamic purchasing system has been used, new providers are capable of working in Ceredigion to meet market demand by completing the same process as those who took part in the initial tender.
A Dynamic Purchasing System is an approved list of providers who meet all essential requirements, from the mini competitions will be held under the DPS for specific contracts.

The procurement exercise is now complete, and this report summarises the outcome.

PROCUREMENT:

- **The agreement is for £38,066,371 for a 5 year period, with a possible extension of 24 months.** As this is a dynamic purchasing system, the value of £38,066,371 shall be awarded through Individual Placement Agreements following a call off process with providers who we have accepted onto the framework. £38,066,371 is based on this financial years current budget of £5,438,053 it does not account for inflationary increases.
- The agreement aims to provide services which can enable individuals to regain and/ or retain their independence, through either reducing their needs, or preventing escalation of needs into residential care where it is not required or wanted.

- The procurement exercise commenced on 04/04/2023. An open procurement process was used, and the agreement was advertised on Find a Tender through Sell2Wales. The tender period was 30 days.
- 16 organisations expressed an interest in the agreement. At the closing date of 4/5/23, 12 tenders were received, and all proceeded through the qualification stage.
- One provider failed to meet the necessary quality threshold and therefore 11 organisations made it through the quality round. This was evaluated by the Corporate Lead Officer, Corporate Manager, Team Manager and Services Manager. Their scoring is attached in Appendix A (EXEMPT).
- Permission is being sought from Cabinet to accept the tender and award places on the DPS to the 11 successful providers.

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why A specific integrated impact assessment has not been completed for this piece of work because it falls under the wider impacts which have already been considered under the through age and wellbeing plan.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Summary:

Long term: This is a 7-year agreement which provides stability for the people receiving care, the care providers, and the Council.

Collaboration: Whilst this is not in itself a collaboration, best practise ideas from other Council's have been considered in the development of this agreement.

Involvement: A Meet the Buyer event was advertised on Sell2Wales and several providers attending this in March 2023.

Prevention: Efficient and effective domiciliary care service will allow people in need of care to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

Integration:

Recommendation(s): It is recommended that Cabinet:

- Agrees to award places on the Dynamic Purchasing System to the providers that have been successful, subject to 10-day statutory standstill period

Reasons for decision:	To ensure that domiciliary care services are in place to meet assessed care and support needs, in accordance with the Council's statutory obligations.
Overview and Scrutiny:	Healthier communities
Policy Framework:	Through age and Wellbeing
Corporate Well-being Objectives:	Enabling Individual and Family Resilience
Finance and Procurement implications:	Other than compliance with Contract Procedure Rules there are no implications at this stage.
Legal Implications:	None
Staffing implications:	None internal – TUPE may apply to the external providers when specific contracts are tendered under the DPS.
Property / asset implications:	None
Risk(s):	This is a DPS so the risk is very low as there will be 12 other providers able to do the work should one fail.
Statutory Powers:	None
Background Papers:	None
Appendices:	Appendix A- Dynamic Purchasing System for Domiciliary Care (EXEMPT)
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