

TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEOPLE
23 NOVEMBER 2018

Post 16 Semi-Independent Accommodation – Consortia Commissioning
Assistant Director: Commissioning

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the People Directorate ratify the use of the Post 16 Semi-Independent Accommodation - Consortia Commissioning led by Southampton City Council.

2 RECOMMENDATION

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3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The purpose of the framework is to provide accommodation and/or support for:
- Looked after children, including Separated Children Seeking Asylum
 - (SCSA) (16-25 years of age);
 - Care leavers (16 to 25 years old)
 - Young people with complex needs (16-25 years of age);
 - Parent(s) and child (16-25 years of age).

Southampton City Council has taken the lead for the purposes of tendering this opportunity. The other Authorities included in this Consortium are Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset County Council, Hampshire County Council, Borough of Poole, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, Wokingham Borough Council, and Bracknell Forest Borough Council.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Unknown

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 BFC are currently spot purchasing Post 16 Semi-Independent Accommodation, (10 CLA placements have been made within the past 12 months,) with little due diligence and no effective quality monitoring. This framework will enable BFC to make safe and appropriate placements with quality providers in line with an agreed pricing schedule, and issue appropriate contracts.

Commissioning as a consortium of Authorities allows BFC to meaningfully engage with the market whilst enabling efficiencies in the purchasing and development of, and advocating better care on behalf of children and young people. BFC have a statutory duty to provide high quality Post 16 Semi-Independent Accommodation to children looked after.

There is no minimum spend requirement and there is no obligation to exclusively use this framework, this is an option.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Finance

- 6.1 A Contract Standing Order – Waiver Authorisation Form is required for the Post 16 Semi-Independent Accommodation Framework, which the Borough Solicitor will sign off.

Procurement

- 6.2 A Decision Report is required. The decision needs to be added as an item on the forward plan (actioned 25th October 2018) where it has to be for 28 clear working days before the decision can officially be taken. The Director then officially takes the decision on the stated day by signing the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.3 The Director of Finance is satisfied that the framework agreement presents a new opportunity to secure care provisions through an arrangement that has been subject to competitive tendering. The financial implications are not known at this stage, however there is no obligation to exclusively use this framework, this is an option.

Background Papers

- OJEU Notice
- BFC Procurement Phase Signed Partnership Agreement
- Service Specification
- Post 16 Semi-Independent Accommodation Commissioning Waiver Form

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