

**TO: CHIEF OFFICER: ADULTS AND JOINT COMMISSIONING
2 DECEMBER 2015**

MANAGED BANK ACCOUNT SERVICE

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award a new contract for the Managed Bank Account Service.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That a contract for the Managed Bank Account Service is awarded to Tenderer C.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Managed Bank Account Service is required to support those individuals whose needs would be best met through the use of a Direct Payment, but who are unable to manage Direct Payments themselves.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 To continue with the current arrangement whereby individuals enter into their own arrangements with organisations.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 Managed bank accounts are bank accounts that are set up and fully managed by an external company on behalf of Individuals in receipt of a direct payment. There are currently a small number of people who are unable to manage direct payments themselves.
- 5.2 The service is currently provided through private arrangements between the individuals and the provider of their choice. An allowance for this is included in the individual's direct payment. The majority of individuals use the same organisation, but where they use others, the service provided is variable, costly and the communication with Adult Social Care is limited. It was for these reasons that Adult Social Care made the decision to commission the service on behalf of these individuals.
- 5.3 The contract term is a period of twelve months, with an option for a further twelve months.
- 5.4 In October 2015, 6 organisations were invited to submit quotes for the service. The deadline for return was 6th November 2015. Three requests for quotation were completed and returned.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Nothing to add to this report

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 A decision does need to be made as to whether the costs arising from the contract are met by the Council or from the recipients of the direct payments, and whether as a result of this decision the level of direct payment award needs to be reviewed.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Equal Opportunities were considered as part of the process. The successful organisation will be required to comply with the council's standard clause on Equal Opportunities

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Whilst the risks are considered very low, due to the low value of the contract, a credit check was undertaken on Tenderer C. The contract terms also require that the organisation has in place Crime Protector insurance.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 None

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 None

Representations Received

- 7.3 None

Background Papers

None

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