

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Amy Cross, Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Helen Thompson , Senior Procurement and Projects Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	5 December 2018

PROVISION OF A COSY HOMES IN LANCASHIRE (CHIL) DELIVERY PARTNER

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To seek the approval of Rhea Projects Limited as our supplier to be a Delivery Partner for Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) for Blackpool Council and a number of Local Authorities within Lancashire.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve Rhea Projects Limited as supplier to be the Delivery Partner for Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) for Blackpool Council and a number of partner Local Authorities within Lancashire.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tendering exercise was undertaken between October and November 2018 to select a supplier to undertake the role of Delivery Partner for Cosy Homes in Lancashire.

The Council tendered through their electronic portal (The Chest) in a 1 stage process. 6 tender responses were received back from:

- Acrobat Carbon Services Ltd (Manchester)
- Rhea Projects Ltd (Burnley)
- Thrift Energy Ltd (Tyne and Wear)
- Union Technical Services Ltd (Glasgow)
- Wise Energy Solutions Ltd (Blackpool)
- Yorkshire Energy Services CIC T/A YES Energy Solutions (Yorkshire)

The submissions were evaluated by a panel consisting of representatives from Public Health, Care and Repair and Home Energy Officers from Blackpool, Lancashire, Wyre and Blackburn with Darwen Councils and moderated by members of Blackpool Council's Procurement

Team.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Organisational Resilience: Ensuring the efficient and effective running of the organisation to enable us to deliver quality services"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Blackpool Council working on behalf of other Lancashire Local Authorities through the Lancashire Home Energy Efficiency Group have tendered to appoint a partner to deliver all domestic energy efficiency initiatives under the CHiL brand.

5.2 In particular Cosy Homes in Lancashire looks to support those households in fuel poverty and vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home but also aims to provide an offer to all households, not just those in fuel poverty.

5.3 It is anticipated that the contract will commence 1 December 2018 and will run for 1 year with the option to extend for a further 1 year + 1 year + 1 year.

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.5 List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The process was undertaken in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The Council will enter into a contract with Rhea Projects Limited.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The cost of providing this service will be met by any fees generated from funding agreements and any management fees included within funding secured from other sources. The Council will not pay for any element of this service.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 If the contract is not awarded, it would result in cessation of delivery of affordable warmth measures across Lancashire. This would impact on:

- Provision of emergency heating installations for vulnerable residents with cold related ill health at the worst time of the year, putting them at risk of deteriorating health, possible emergency hospital admission, or even morbidity
- Provision of planned replacement heating installations for other vulnerable residents putting them at risk of deteriorating health and general wellbeing
- Non-delivery on existing contractual funded schemes
- Reputation of Cosy Homes in Lancashire as a vehicle for successful delivery

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 The supplier has already signed Blackpool Council's Supplier Charter.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 The submissions were evaluated by a panel consisting of representatives from Public Health, Care and Repair and Home Energy Officers from Blackpool, Lancashire, Wyre and Blackburn Councils and moderated by members of the Council's Procurement Team.

The Head of Procurement has remained informed throughout the process.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve Rhea Projects Limited as supplier to be a Delivery Partner for Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) for Blackpool Council and a number of Local Authorities within Lancashire.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 Rhea Projects Limited provided the most economically advantageous tender, which also fully met the requirements of the service.