

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Karen Smith, Director of Adults Services
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor N Brookes, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Jenna Douthwaite, Senior Corporate Procurement and Projects Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	30 April 2024

Person Centred Home Care (Ancillary Provision)

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To confirm the appointment of three suppliers for ancillary provision of Person Centred Home Care for Adults.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To confirm the appointment of Briars Homecare Services Ltd (Bolton), Dignity in Life Ltd (Thornton Cleveleys), Spring Fountain (Private) Ltd (Blackpool).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tendering exercise was undertaken to engage a maximum of three new providers under a 1 year contract with the option to extend incrementally for a further four years.

The Council invited tenders through its electronic portal (The Chest), in a one stage process (Open Tender).

174 suppliers registered an interest and 26 compliant tenders were submitted.

The tender submissions were evaluated by representatives from Blackpool Council. At the conclusion of the evaluation it was determined that the above named suppliers had each submitted a tender that met the Council's requirements, which was of good quality and provided value for money.

It is therefore recommended that the Council enters into a contract with these suppliers.

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:

N/A

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council has developed a common approach to procurement of home care services for the local population.

Our key priority is commissioning quality Person Centred Home Care Services that are fit for purpose and flexible to changing needs across the Blackpool area. Our vision is for ethical home care to support sector wide improvements.

To support this aim, the Council identified a requirement for additional 'ancillary' providers to supplement the existing cohort of contracted providers to deliver person centred home care for adults, including Older Adults, people with physical disabilities and supporting people with mental health needs.

These additional providers will be suitably skilled, experienced and technically capable Providers that have the capacity and capability to deliver safe, reliable and high quality care and support; delivering the best possible outcomes for residents of Blackpool.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

N/A

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The tender process was undertaken in compliance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The Council will enter into contractual arrangements with the preferred suppliers named above.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 Consideration has been given as to whether there could be unintended adverse impacts on people because of shared characteristics protected by the Equality Act.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The service costs will be met from existing budget.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None identified.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 The suppliers have signed up to the Council's Supplier Charter which includes a commitment to consider how they can make a positive contribution to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of Blackpool in order to help achieve the Council's priorities.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Key internal stakeholders were engaged during the procurement process.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the appointment of Briars Homecare Services Ltd, Dignity in Life Ltd, and Spring Fountain (Private) Ltd.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 The suppliers named above have demonstrated that they can meet the Council's requirements and provided the most economically advantageous tender based on the combination of quality, price, and social value.