

## Officer Non Key Executive Decision

<b>Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):</b>	Diane Booth, Director of Children's Services
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):</b>	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council and Statutory Cabinet Member for Children's Services
<b>Report Author (Officer name and title):</b>	Helen Thompson, Senior Procurement and Projects Officer
<b>Implementation Date of Decision:</b>	30 November 2020

### PROVISION OF RESILIENCE REVOLUTION SUSTAINABILITY

#### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To confirm the outcome of the recent tender exercise undertaken for the Provision of Resilience Revolution Sustainability.

#### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of Boingboing Resilience CIC to deliver the Provision of Resilience Revolution Sustainability.

#### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tendering exercise was undertaken through the Council's electronic portal (The Chest) between October and November 2020 in order to select a provider to undertake the services for a period of 19 months.

The Council conducted an open (1-stage) OJEU tender via The Chest.

Tender submissions were received from:

- Boingboing Resilience CIC - Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, Lancashire.

#### Award Details

Boingboing Resilience CIC provided the most economically advantageous tender (based on a combination of price, quality and social value) and it is therefore the intention to enter into a formal agreement with them.

Please note that whilst only one bid was received this was fully evaluated and clarified by the evaluation panel who consisted of 3 internal representatives from the Children's Services Directorate and 2 external representatives, a Commissioning Manager from the CCG and a parent / carer.

17 providers looked at the opportunity however did not provide a reason for not submitting a bid, 2 providers looked at the opportunity and opted out stating that they were unable to meet the requirements.

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

\*This commission is being funded by a grant funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and has been tendered in accordance with their grant conditions.

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

#### **4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

#### **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 HeadStart Blackpool is a National Lottery Community Fund strategic programme, aimed at researching new and innovative approaches to youth mental health prevention. The programme will end in July 2022 and current activity is therefore focused on sustaining activity that is proving successful. There is an awareness that as part of a wider sustainability strategy, the development of a not-for-profit organisation to scale up successful activity alongside the core programme, and continue to deliver this activity once HeadStart funding has ceased, is crucial to the legacy of the HeadStart investment in the town.

5.2 It is envisaged that the appointed organisation will deliver this activity whilst also submitting bids for other funding streams to enable the continuation of the work past the end of the contract. In this way, the funding envelope for this contract is not solely intended to deliver the outcomes outlined in this service specification, but also to provide a unique opportunity to attract further external funding to enable the service to continue beyond the initial 19 months.

The objectives of the commission are:

- A breadth of training opportunities in Resilient Therapy and the Academic Resilience Approach, including online
- A range of co-produced projects facilitated that result in changes in the system
- A skilled and experienced workforce of volunteers, sessional workers and apprentices including those facing multiple systemic disadvantage
- The workforce having opportunities to co-present at local, regional and

- national forums
- A range of activist activity, including campaigns that challenge injustice in the system
- Additional grant funding to continue the work at the end of the contract
- Publications that have been co-authored by young people and parents/carers Facing Multiple Systemic Disadvantage.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**List of Appendices:**

None.

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 The project is in line with the Council's contract procedure rules and the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The provider will be issued with a formal contract and will be required to work within the legal requirements of the contract.

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 n/a

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 n/a

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 This commission is being funded by a grant funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and has been tendered in accordance with their grant conditions.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 The National Lottery Community Fund grant must be utilised before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022, if not the grant will be withdrawn.

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 The successful provider has signed Blackpool Council's Supplier Charter.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 A "virtual" market engagement session was undertaken on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. A Prior information notice was published in OJEU, the opportunity was also advertised on The Chest to enable interested parties to participate.

**13.0 Decision of Chief Officer**

13.1 To approve the appointment of Boingboing Resilience CIC.

**14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer**

14.1 Boingboing Resilience CIC provided the most economically advantageous tender based on a combination of quality and social value.