

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Karen Smith, Director of Adults Services
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	(Cllr) Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Adult Services, and Community Health and Wellbeing
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Jenna Douthwaite, Senior Corporate Procurement and Projects Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	8 August 2022

SUPPLY OF COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To confirm the appointment of suppliers to provide services for the hire of community equipment, following a recently concluded tender exercise.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To confirm the appointment of suppliers for the provision of services under the following lots:

- Lot 1 – Hire of Hoists and Slings
Medequip Assistive Technology Ltd [West Drayton]
- Lot 2 – Hire of Children’s Beds
Select Medical UK Ltd [Blackburn]

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tendering exercise was undertaken during June and July 2022 to select suppliers to provide services for hire of community equipment for a period of two years, with the option to extend for a further three 12 month periods.

The tender was divided into two lots and the Council invited tenders through its electronic portal (The Chest), in a one stage process (Open Tender).

28 Suppliers registered an interest and three tenders were submitted for lot 1, one tender for lot 2.

The tenders were evaluated by representatives from Blackpool Equipment Service, and NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board. At the conclusion of the evaluation it was determined that Medequip Assistive Technology Ltd and Select Medical Ltd provided the most economically advantageous tender (based on the combination of price, quality, and social value).

It is therefore recommended that the Council enters into contract with these suppliers for the provision of community equipment hire services.

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 Priority is

- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Blackpool Council and NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board jointly commission a Community Equipment Service for Adults and Children across Blackpool, which is administered by Blackpool Equipment Service (BES). Clinical services are provided by Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Nursing Services and Trusted Assessors. The provision of equipment is jointly funded by the Council and NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

5.2

Existing contract arrangements are due to come to an end and there is an ongoing requirement to provide hoists and slings, and children's beds to service users based in the community.

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 Medequip Assistive Technology Ltd, and Select Medical Ltd.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 N/A

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 Arrangements relating to the contract e.g. implementation, business continuity were addressed within the tender submissions.

Current contract arrangements expire on 31st August 2022 and there are no further extensions permitted. Contracts will need to be in place to ensure continuity of provision for service users.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 The suppliers have signed 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 and external stakeholders were engaged in developing the specification, and participated in the tender evaluation.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the appointment of Medequip Assistive Technology Ltd for lot 1 and Select Medical Ltd for lot 2.

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(s) based on the combination of quality, price, and social value.