

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Karen Smith, Director of Adult's Services
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, and Community Health and Wellbeing
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Jenna Douthwaite, Senior Corporate Procurement and Projects Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	24 March 2023

BACKGROUND CARE AND SUPPORT WITHIN EXTRA CARE HOUSING SCHEMES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To approve the appointment of I Care (GB) Ltd as the contractor for the provision of background care and support within Elk and Tulloch extra care housing schemes, following completion of a tender exercise.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of I Care (GB) Ltd [Blackpool], as the contractor for the provision of background care and support within extra care housing schemes. The contract is for a period of five years with the option to extend for a further five (2+2+1) years subject to budget and satisfactory review.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tendering exercise (above the threshold for public procurement regulations) was undertaken during December 2022 – March 2023 to select a contractor to provide background care and support. The Council invited tenders through its e-tendering portal (The Chest), in a single stage process (Open Tender).
- 3.2 92 suppliers registered an interest and 9 submitted a compliant tender response. After the evaluation I Care (GB) Ltd provided the best overall tender for the requirement and it is the Council's intention to enter into a formal agreement.
- 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 Blackpool Council works in partnership with Great Places Housing Association to provide two Extra Care Housing Schemes in Blackpool: Tulloch Court, Cherry Tree Road and Elk View Court, Ashfield Road. Great Places is the Landlord and Blackpool Council commissions the care provision within these schemes.

5.2 Extra Care Housing is available for people over the age of 55 years who have a care or support need which is affecting their ability to live independently. The care element provided in these schemes is generic, and will be available to all residents within them including: frail elderly, mental health, sensory disability, substance-misuse related needs.

5.3 Both schemes have self-contained rental apartments and communal facilities. The contract with the current provider is coming to an end and we wish to appoint a care provider to provide background care during the day time and a nightly sleep in at each scheme.

5.4 Background care and support staff will be on site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in case of an emergency and to supply ongoing background care such as welfare checks.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

N/A

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The procurement exercise has been carried out in line with the Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015 and authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The Council will enter into a formal contract with the successful supplier.

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 has 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 stakeholders were engaged on the evaluation panel and residents from the scheme had the opportunity to attend presentations from bidders and participate in the evaluation process.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the appointment of I Care (GB) Ltd.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 The supplier named above has 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.