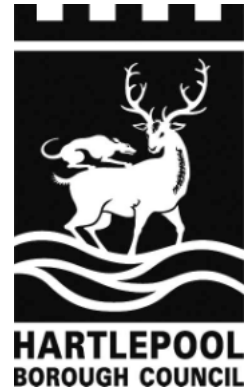


CONTRACT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA



Monday, 26 October 2009

at 10.00 am

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: CONTRACT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Councillors Atkinson, Fleet, Flintoff, Griffin, Morris, Plant, Richardson, Simmons and Young

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2009 *(to follow)*
- 4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
 - 4.1 Results of additional evaluation of specialist social care provision for training & development – *Chief Personnel Officer*
- 5. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006

EXEMPT ITEMS

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

7. TENDERS TO BE OPENED

- 7.1 Promenade Handrail Refurbishment, Coronation Drive to Station Lane, Seaton Carew, Hartlepool (CRF 424) Para 3 – *Senior Engineer (Environmental Issues)*

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 8.1 Provision of an Assertive Outreach Service For Children and Young People Aged 5-18 years (CRF 398) Para 3 – *Director of Child and Adult Services*
- 8.2 Contract for the Provision of 24 Hour, Short Stay Care and Accommodation for Adults with Learning Disabilities (CRF 197) Para 3 - *Strategic Commissioner – Working Age Adults, Child and Adult Services Department*

8. ANY OTHER CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

CONTRACT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26 October 2009



Report of: Chief Personnel Officer

Subject: RESULTS OF ADDITIONAL EVALUATION OF
SPECIALIST SOCIAL CARE PROVISION FOR
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the committee of the decision made regarding the extra evaluation required for appointing Specialist Social Care contractors to the Council's Training and Development Framework Agreement.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The council received 62 tender documents to provide a range of training and development across a wide range of areas. The result of the tender exercise was reported to Contract Scrutiny Committee on 2nd March 2009.
- 2.2 During the initial evaluation of the submitted tender documents it became apparent that an additional evaluation was required for the categories covering Specialist Social Care. This was done to ensure that the Local Authority paid particular attention to the Safeguarding requirements within both Child and Adult Services.
- 2.3 The additional evaluation involved a further assessment of the relevant organisation's occupational competencies and expertise to provide the specialist training required.
- 2.4 Only the 14 organisations that were successful during the initial assessment of tenders were invited to a further evaluation.
- 2.5 It is intended that the successful organisations will be incorporated on to the current Training and Development Framework.
- 2.6 It is the intention that any gaps identified in required provision for training and development courses will be filled through embarking on a Specialist Social Care Training tendering exercise.

3. ASSESSMENT OF FURTHER EVALUATIONS

- 3.1 The evaluation group was made up of officers from both Child and Adult Services staff as Lot 6 was relevant to both service areas.
- 3.2 From the 14 Training Providers who were invited to submit additional information only 11 chose to do so. Subsequently a Training provider (Company B) chose to withdraw from the process following their submission.
- 3.3 10 Organisations were assessed over 63 different areas of specialism (sub lots).
- 3.4 The further assessment process was undertaken in two parts. Initially all Provider's submissions were evaluated against the additional specific criteria. If the Provider's initial information met the agreed criteria then they progressed to the 2nd stage which involved detailed discussions with Providers.
- 3.5 As a result of the evaluation process, 3 Providers progressed to stage 2 and all successfully met the criteria. Of the 3, 2 of the Providers are already included in the current Training and Development Framework in respect of other lots and this will be extended to include the additional lots detailed above.
- 3.6 The completion of the additional evaluation exercise identified that there remains a large amount of sub lots which do not have a potential Provider to meet the training requirements. Further consideration is being given as to how to package the remaining sub lots to ensure that legal requirements for competition are adhered to whilst at the same time ensuring that sufficient suitable training providers express an interest.
- 3.7 The arrangements for the sub lots not covered by the current framework will run alongside it and will end on 31 March 2013. It is important that the existing framework, plus the arrangements for the sub lots not covered by the frameworks (see 3.6 above) ;
 - end at the same time in order to provide maximum flexibility in packaging the requirements at contract renewal stage and
 - are managed by HR as a central contract to ensure consistency of approach (with the exception of training on behalf of Hartlepool Safeguarding Children Board - see clause 3.8 below)
- 3.8 All safeguarding training provided on behalf of the Hartlepool Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) will continue to be managed by the Training and Development Subgroup who are independent of Hartlepool Borough Council, although it will be delivered via the framework.
- 3.9 Further reports will be submitted to the Finance and Performance Portfolio Holder and this Committee, as appropriate.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 That members of the panel note:-

- a) the extension of the current Training and Development framework to include the specialist social care Lot 6 sub lots in respect of the successful providers
- b) the work planned in respect of the packaging of lots prior to commencing an additional competitive exercise to fill the gaps identified by the additional evaluation process.

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