

## **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

**Cabinet Meeting: 30th April 2018.**

**Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure**

**Providing Domiciliary Services within the Extra Care Facility.**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek authority to re-tender for the Contract relating to the provision of Domiciliary care and support in the Council's Extra Care Housing facility.

### **Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that Cabinet authorises the Director of Social Services and the Head of Finance, (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure to:
  - commence tendering procedures for the services outlined in this report; and
  - accept and award tenders for this service in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders;
  - authorise the Head of Legal Services to execute the contract.

### **Reasons for the Recommendations**

1. To ensure that the Council:
  - provides care and support services in a cost effective way and meets the assessed needs of Service Users;
  - fulfils the responsibilities set out in the Welsh Government's Guidelines for Developing Extra Care Housing in Wales 2006 and the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014; and
  - meets the requirements of its Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders.

### **Background**

1. The Welsh Government's Guidelines for Developing Extra Care Housing in Wales 2006 state that "at Local Authority level extra care housing should be commissioned and developed as a result of joint strategic planning across health, housing, social care, voluntary and independent sectors."

2. Part 6 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 places a duty on local authorities to have regard to 'the importance of promoting the adult's independence where possible'.
3. The Community Strategy 2011-2021 reflects this guidance by locating, as a strategic issue for the Council and its partners, efforts to maintain independence. It states that: "There is also a need to develop future services, within available resources, to meet the changing aspirations and expectations of older people, to lead more independent lives for longer. This is especially important given the aging population and the demographic profile within the Vale."
4. The Strategy identifies that this will be achieved by developing "a range of options that enable older people to live independently in their communities for as long as possible e.g. Reablement, Telecare, Extra Care."
5. There is currently a Contract in place for this provision; awarded in 2014 for a period of 3 years with an option to extend for up to 2 years, however due to other commissioning priorities in 2019 the decision was taken to extend the Contract by only 1 year (to September 2018), in accordance with Contract Terms and Conditions.

### **Relevant Issues and Options**

6. Extra Care housing schemes are similar to sheltered accommodation but provide as much or as little care and support as necessary to enable older people to live in their own homes and maintain their independence in a safe and secure environment. This extra care is in the form of on site, care and support services specifically tailored to meet individual assessed needs.
7. This form of accommodation is a popular choice among people living in such schemes for a range of reasons including :
  - the increased capacity for maintaining independence within a home which is their own;
  - the comprehensive on-site support;
  - greater opportunities for social interaction; and
  - a physical environment which is specifically designed to meet the needs of older people.
8. The Extra Care facility in the Vale of Glamorgan is a 40 unit building, with 55 bed spaces available in 25 single and 15 double units.
9. There is currently a Contract in place for the care and support service in the Extra Care Facility. The Authority's Contract Standing Orders require that contracts with an estimated value of £75,000 or higher should be subject to an appropriate procurement process that ensures value for money, compliance with legislation governing the spending of public money and protect individuals from undue criticism or allegation of wrongdoing.

### **Resource Implications (Financial and Employment and Climate Change, if appropriate)**

10. This service will continue to be funded from within the Social Services budget. It is envisaged that the total annual cost of the service provision will be in excess of £300,000 per annum, dependent on the costs of domiciliary care, and the care and support needs of individuals based within the Scheme.

11. The process of tendering the service will be undertaken by staff within the Directorate, making appropriate use of corporate expertise and processes in areas such as Procurement, Finance and HR.

### **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

12. The current review of all working arrangements between the Council and the current Provider ensures that all services will be provided through a robust Contract that fully reflects the responsibilities of the Council and the Provider.

### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

13. There are no crime and disorder implications as a direct result of this report.

### **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

14. All tendering processes will be open to organisations from the independent and third sector.

### **Corporate/Service Objectives**

15. Key objectives of the Council addressed by this report are:
  - "To make the Vale a safe and healthy place in which individuals, children and families can live their lives to the full";
  - "To manage the Council's workforce, money and assets efficiently and effectively in order to maximise its ability to achieve its service aims".

### **Policy Framework and Budget**

16. This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet.

### **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

17. Service Users and representative organisations will be included as appropriate as part of the procurement process and in future service reviews.

### **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Social Care and Health

### **Background Papers**

None.

### **Contact Officer**

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### **Officers Consulted**

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Resource Centre Manager  
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