

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY EXTENSION OF 'PRIVATE RENTED SUPPORT SERVICES' CONTRACT

1. **Originating / Department / Service** –

Supporting People Team, Environment and Housing

2. **Reason for Seeking Emergency Powers** –

PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW ~~and attach appropriate Committee report / minute/ memo~~ * (* delete as appropriate)

Proposal

The Supporting People Team has a contract with Pobl Group to deliver the Private Rented Support Service which supports vulnerable people to maintain their tenancies and works closely with Housing Solutions to prevent homelessness. The contract end date is 3rd August 2020. The Supporting People Team intends to retender the existing contract in line with EU Procurement Rules and the Vale of Glamorgan Council Procurement policy, however due to the Covid 19 pandemic and lockdown restrictions it will not be possible to complete the standard tendering process prior to the contract end date.

This contract was originally awarded in accordance with Cabinet Minute C2829 29th June 2015.

The Solution

An emergency extension of up to 6 months using Emergency Powers would allow the Supporting People Team to complete the full tendering process and avoid disrupting the existing service and vulnerable service users.

Cost vs Benefits

The current annual contract value is £105,000 and an extension of up to six months would cost £52,000. There will be no financial implications for the Local Authority as all funds will be covered by the Housing Support Grant (HSG) from Welsh Government.

This extension of up to 6 months will allow sufficient time for the service to be re-tendered in line with all procurement rules and would also prevent the service from being terminated which would lead to a significant disruption for service users and could cause homelessness in the Vale to increase. In addition, this disruption could cause clients and landlords to lose confidence

in the scheme resulting in a decrease in the number of private properties available for use by Housing Solutions Service for homeless clients at a time where there are an increasing number of people being placed in emergency temporary accommodation in the Vale.

Recommendation:

- That approval be given for an extension of up to 6 months for the Private Sector Support Service contract funded through the Housing Support Grant to allow the Supporting People Team to complete the full tendering process and avoid disrupting the existing service and service users.

3. **Policy Framework and Budget** –

PLEASE INDICATE as appropriate that the matter that you are seeking the use of Emergency Powers for is a Cabinet or Council function.

Cabinet

Council

4. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee** –

Homes and Safe Communities

IMPORTANT

The following sections **must** be completed **prior** to the request being submitted to the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Section for processing.

I confirm (delete as appropriate)

~~(a) That there are no financial implications and the relevant Cabinet Member, Leader and / or the Deputy Leader has been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers; **or**~~

(b) That, in view of the financial commitments, the Head of Financial Services, the appropriate Chief Officer, the relevant Cabinet Member, Leader and / or Deputy Leader have been consulted and are in agreement with the use of the Emergency Powers ~~and that~~

~~(c) For matters relating to the Planning Committee the Chairman of the Planning Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers;~~

~~(d) For matters relating to the Licensing Committee the Chairman of the Licensing Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

~~(e) For matters relating to the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee the Chairman of the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

~~(f) — For matters relating to policy the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman has been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

Signed: Mike Ingram **Date:** 3rd June 2020
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Please print name: ...Mike Ingram.....

I hereby approve under my Emergency Powers the attached recommendation(s) on behalf of the Cabinet / Council (please delete as appropriate).

Signed: .D.R. Thomas..... **Date:** 16th June 2020...
Managing Director

NB Should the relevant portfolio Cabinet Member be unable to be consulted only the Leader and / or Deputy Leader be consulted in their absence.

N.B. Cabinet: 23rd March, 2020 Minute No. 295