

Report to	Cabinet
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Lead Member / Officer	Councillor Bobby Feely / Phil Gilroy – Head of Service
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Title	Procurement of care and support in Extra Care Housing Scheme for Older People and Complex Disability

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 This report provides Cabinet with information regarding the procurement arrangements for the tendering of care and support for the Extra Care Housing Scheme, Awel Y Dyffryn, Denbigh.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1 To seek authorisation to undertake two tender exercises for the procurement of care and support services to 66 Older People Units and 8 Complex Disability units situated within Awel Y Dyffryn. as required by the Council's Financial Guidelines (Contract Procedure Rules).

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1. That Cabinet gives their approval to undertake the procurement process. The outcome of each tender will be brought back to Cabinet for final approval.

4. Report details

- 4.1 Denbighshire County Council in partnership with Grwp Cynefin Housing Group have developed Awel y Dyffryn Extra Care Housing Scheme in Denbigh, which will be the 4th Extra Care Housing Scheme within Denbighshire.

- 4.2 The site comprises of 66 units of Extra care housing, and a separate block of 8 units for complex disabilities. It is anticipated that the scheme will be ready for the 1st September 2020.
- 4.3 The care provision shall be provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and be provided in line with the Denbighshire Regional Domiciliary Contract, CIW registration requirements and any other relative governing requirements.
- 4.4 Denbighshire is undertaking two tenders through the respective Frameworks in order to appoint a provider or two different providers subject to the tenders, to deliver the services described above.
- 4.5 It will be necessary to run two separate tenders for the two elements of support and this may result in two support providers on the site. In this instance, one Provider will provide care and support to the 66 units (people with an assessed need, who are over 60). The other will provide a specialist care and support service to the 8 complex disability units.
- 4.6 The Older People care provider will be appointed by May/June 2020, to allow for a three-month transition period where they will, jointly with Grwp Cynefin, carry out assessments of need on those people who have met the eligibility criteria, and make recommendations to the allocation panel in anticipation of a phased accommodation move.
- 4.7 The Complex Disability provider will be appointed by July/August 2020. There is no transition period required. The Complex Disability Team will have already identified appropriate people to move in to the scheme.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

- 5.1 The provision of supported living services for individuals with learning disabilities and for Older People, supports the current corporate priority that vulnerable people are protected and are able to live as independently as possible. It will also support people and communities to build independence and resilience.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

- 6.1. The Older People Tender is estimated to be a total cost of £350,000 per annum. The contract will be for 1 year with an option to extend for 9 years, making the total cost for the contract £3,500,000.
- 6.2 The Complex Disability tender is estimated to a total cost of £200,000 per annum. The contract will be for 1 year with an option to extend for 9 years, making the total cost for the contract £2,000,000.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

- 7.1. The completed Well-being Impact Assessment is attached as an appendix to this report. The assessment was undertaken at the start of the commissioning process, and carried out by the Commissioning Officers for Older People and Complex Disability services.
- 7.2. The work of the tender and the appointment of the successful care provider to the scheme will follow all DCC policies and procedures.
- 7.3. There is little that can be done to change the age group of the applicants and individuals who will be supported in the ECH due to the funding specifications and so one protected characteristic is challenged. However, this has identified gaps in housing for particular age gaps that the registered social landlord sees as a future opportunity for further housing developments.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

- 8.1 Consultation has been undertaken with DCC staff, Providers, representatives from Legal and Procurement Departments, colleagues from BCHUB, Citizens and their representatives/advocates. Councillor Bobby Feely has been involved throughout the process.
- 8.2 As part of the procurement process, individuals who use the services will be involved in decisions about suitable providers.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1 The procurement is obviously required to ensure that the provision of supported living services for individuals with learning disabilities and for Older People can be delivered. It is expected that the costs will be contained within budget in this area, although the service as a whole is dealing with a number of pressures.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

10.1 The Authority would be in a vulnerable position if it were to procure services from a Provider without a contract in place.

10.2 Should a suitable provider not be appointed for either contract, this will result in massive delay to the completion of the scheme, which will include cost implications.

11. Power to make the decision

11.1. Community Living Schemes are supported by the County under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales), Act 2014.

11.2. Denbighshire County Council's Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules.