

LEARNING DISABILITY INDEPENDENT SECTOR DAY OPPORTUNITY SERVICES
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Deadline date: N/A

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald, Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care and Health Wendi Ogle-Welbourn – Corporate Director for People and Communities
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan: KEY/26DEC16/04
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	No
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO Verto number: N/A

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
<p>The Cabinet Member is recommended to:</p> <p>Approve the award of a place on a framework contract, for the provision of Day Opportunities for adult social care service users with learning disabilities, to the following providers:</p> <p>The Helping Hands Group Papworth Trust Sense Thera East Anglia Turning Point Voyage Care</p> <p>The framework contract will run from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020 and have an estimated total value of £3,000,000.</p>

The Cabinet Member for Resources has been consulted on the CMDN and has made the following comment:

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of the Cabinet Member to award a place on a framework contract to The Helping Hands Group, Papworth Trust, Sense, Thera East Anglia, Turning Point and Voyage Care from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care and Health to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.8 (a) of Part 3 of the Constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (b).

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 The Day Opportunities framework will support outcomes based commissioning and delivery of a progressive model of support in line with the principles set out in the Care Act 2014.
- 4.2 The Service Specification is designed to give flexibility to the Service Provider to deliver creative services based on the needs and outcomes of individuals, rather than based on defined criteria.
- 4.3 Service Providers will facilitate opportunities for Service Users to maintain existing valued roles, natural supports and community involvement, as well as assist in the development of new community engagement opportunities through the delivery of support activities based on the following categories. These can be delivered via individual, group or network basis.
- 4.4 Support will be categorised within the following four areas;
- Promoting independence
 - Personal and skills development
 - Community engagement
 - Health and wellbeing
- 4.5 The focus of Day Opportunities will be to help Service Users achieve maximum possible independence, enabling individuals to manage their own care wherever possible, improve their resilience to deal with issues in the future and give them better outcomes; i.e. an 'enabling', rather than a 'doing for' approach to Service delivery.

- 4.6 Service Providers will make use of available networks of support, assistive technology and universal service provision. Where appropriate, Day Opportunities Service Providers will support Service Users to find, regain or remain in work and access other occupational and/or educational opportunities, thus increasing the likelihood of the individual finding work.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation is key to the continued successful commissioning of services. Consultation has been undertaken with service users, service providers and key stakeholders. Engagement and consultation with day opportunity service providers has been at both a sector/group and individual service provider level.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 Approve the award of the framework contract for day Opportunities from 1 April 2017 as detailed in the 'Recommendation' above.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Background

- 7.1 The Council has existing 112 individual contracts for directly commissioned day opportunity services. The existing contracts were awarded as individual contracts in an earlier decision dated 31 March 2014. Each existing contract expired on September 5 2015 and was subsequently extended on the basis that the Council would implement a framework arrangement through means of a competitive tender.

Procurement

- 7.2.1 The ITT consisted of two elements weighted as follows:
- Response to Tender Requirement Questionnaire - 70%
 - Price Assumptions - 30% for the assumptions underpinning the proposed financial model
- 7.2.2 The Evaluation Panel undertook a desktop evaluation of the ITT questionnaire responses, followed by clarification questions being submitted to the bidders and finally a moderation process. In order to be awarded a place on the framework the bidders had to score a total of 55% or above.
- 7.2.3 The pass mark was achieved or exceeded by 6 organisations:
- The Helping Hands Group
 - Papworth Trust
 - Sense
 - Thera East Anglia
 - Turning Point
 - Voyage Care

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The following options were considered and rejected:
- 8.2 Option 1 - Continuation of current services. This option has been rejected because the original decision to award 112 individual contracts was only for a period of 12

months. These contracts were awarded for 12 months on the basis that a tender process would happen during the 12 month period. It would therefore be contravening the prerequisite of awarding the current contracts if they were to be extended or renewed.

- 8.3 Option 2 - Do not commission Day Opportunities for people with learning disabilities. The option to not directly commissioning the provision of day opportunities, thereby requiring eligible service users to purchase these themselves through means of utilising their personal budget as a direct payment, was considered and rejected. The rationale for rejecting this option was that both the market as a whole, and the majority of service users, are not in a position to make this a viable option. The Council has a responsibility under the Care Act 2014 to promote diversity and quality in provision of services. Commissioning the framework agreement helps the Council to work towards this by providing service users with a variety of high quality services to choose from.

9. IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Financial implications

The tender is for the implementation of a framework contract. It is anticipated that the total value of services provided through the framework will be in the region of £1,000,000 per annum, which is £3,000,000 across the life of the contract. This is within the Adult Social Care budget set aside for Individual Service Placements.

9.2 Legal and procurement implications

These are set out within the report.

9.2 Equalities implications

There are no equalities implications arising from this decision.

10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

None.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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None.