

Subject:	Re Tendering of Home Care Contracts		
Date of Meeting:	10 November 2011		
Report of:	Director of Adult Social Care & Health / Lead Commissioner People		
Lead Cabinet Member:	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health		
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Key Decision:	Yes	Forward Plan No: CAB25585	
Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Cabinet received a report on July 14th 2011 regarding home care services and gave approval to the re tender of this service. The report specifically concerned the main Framework contract for home care services.
- 1.2 The Council also contracts for a home care service in an extra care housing scheme, Patching Lodge, in Brighton. This has previously been procured separately from the main Framework contract. This report is seeking cabinet approval to include this service within the retendering process for home care as agreed at Cabinet on July 14th 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Cabinet notes the previous approval for re-procurement of the current Home Care Framework contract given on 14th July 2011.
- 2.2 That Cabinet approves the inclusion of the home care service at Patching Lodge within the agreed home care re-procurement process.
- 2.3 That Cabinet grants delegated authority to the Director of Adult Social Services and Lead Commissioner People to include the provision of end of life and continuing health care within the agreed procurement process if considered appropriate following discussions with NHS colleagues.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The Cabinet report of July 14th 2011 provided background information regarding the home care service and details of the procurement process that will be undertaken. Cabinet approved the retendering process and granted delegated authority to the Director of Adult Social Care / Lead Commissioner People to approve the award of contracts to successful bidders. The report was focused upon the Framework Contract for home care services.

- 3.2 The Council also contracts for a home care service in Patching Lodge, an extra care housing scheme. This has previously been procured as a discrete service, separate from the Framework Contract. The current contract is due to expire at the end of May 2012 and will need to be retendered.
- 3.3 The expiry dates for the Framework contract and the Patching Lodge contract were not originally aligned, with the framework contract ending in March 2012 (though with a clause that enables the contract to be extended for up to a further eighteen months) and the Patching Lodge contract ending in May 2012. However, in order to accommodate a full consultation exercise in respect of the re-tender, a decision has been taken to exercise the option to extend the existing framework contract for some additional months. This will mean that the procurement of both the Framework and Patching Lodge contract can be undertaken at the same time and the services at Patching Lodge can be brought within the new Framework contract. The Commissioning Board overseeing the re-tendering exercise considers this to make good sense both in terms of the services themselves and in relation to value for money.
- 3.4 By including the Patching Lodge service in the retender for the Framework contract the Council will not have to undertake and resource two separate procurement processes.
- 3.5 The home care service at Patching Lodge is in essence the same type of home care service that is being re tendered for within the Framework contract and fits within the service specification for that tender.
- 3.6 By including the Patching Lodge service within the Framework contract we will be enabling providers to present more flexible and efficient service models for service delivery in the district within which Patching Lodge is located.
- 3.7 The Patching Lodge service was not specified in the Cabinet report of July 14th 2011 and therefore this further report has been written to obtain Cabinet approval as set out in the recommendations.
- 3.8 There is one other issue not covered in the original report which Cabinet should be informed of. This relates to the role of the home care service in the provision of end of life care and continuing health care. This is an element of service that is currently provided through the Framework contract and the Council is in discussions with NHS colleagues to strengthen these arrangements within the new Framework contract. This will include matters such as training and care pathways.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 A comprehensive consultation plan was included in the Cabinet report of July 14th 2011 and is well underway.
- 4.2 The consultation plan has been amended to include the residents of Patching Lodge and their families in the consultation process.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The current value of the Patching Lodge contract is approximately £0.366 million per annum. The inclusion of this contract will help to drive further efficiencies from the overall procurement process for home care.

Finance Officer Consulted: Mike Bentley Date: 13/10/11

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There is no change to the implications noted in Cabinet Report for re-Tendering Home Care Contracts 14th July 2011.

Lawyer Consulted: Sonia Likhari Date: 13/10/11

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The Cabinet Report of July 14th 2011 included details of the Equalities Impact assessment that will be undertaken. This will be amended to ensure that the service at Patching Lodge is included.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 These implications were covered in detail in the Cabinet Report of July 14th 2011 and will not change through the inclusion of the Patching Lodge service in the tender.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 The provision of home care for vulnerable people can help reduce the fear of crime. Modern adaptations such as telecare linked to a home care service can also help people feel safer and less vulnerable to crime.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The Commissioning Board have considered these and are of the view that these recommendations provide an opportunity to improve value for money and service delivery.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 Home care services provide essential support to people with care needs enabling them to live in the community as independently and safely as possible.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 These were set out in the Cabinet report of July 14th 2011 for the broader home care service. The key distinction in relation to these recommendations is that the Patching Lodge service relates to a specific service in a specific geographic location in the city.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 The option to procure this service separately from the main framework contract was considered but was not thought to be the most efficient approach nor would it encourage providers to develop more efficient and effective models of service.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The recommendations provide the most efficient means for procuring this service and promote opportunities for provider to develop effective and efficient delivery models for this service.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None