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REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

PURPOSE: Commissioner Decision

Timing: Pressing (services required from April 2014)
(Specify date required and why, where possible)

Title: Award of contract for the commissioning of services to reduce and prevent antisocial behaviour and youth offending

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: e.g. Primary Legislation, Statutory Requirement, Finance, Performance, Complaints etc. (amend as appropriate)
Procurement - Contract award

Executive Summary:

The introduction of PCCs in November 2012 brought with it funding for addressing issues relating to community safety, substance misuse and youth offending. In late 2013, the PCC published his commissioning intentions for services to reduce and prevent antisocial behaviour and youth offending. A tender process was undertaken to award contracts for a period of two years from April 2014 with the option to extend for a further two years on annual basis across three lots:

1. Coordinated response to antisocial behaviour
2. Prevention, early intervention and support services
3. Work to reduce youth offending, tackling substance misuse and domestic abuse.

The tenders were evaluated using a price/quality ratio of 60/40. Bidders were informed of the four quality evaluation criteria and the scoring model to be used, as part of the invitation to tender. The maximum budget available for the sum of the lots is £250,000 p.a.

Lot one: One tender was received which achieved a quality score of 12.5 out of 40

Lot two: Three tenders were received, all three failed to achieve 50% of the quality score with results (out of 40) being 7.5; 10 and 18.75. Prices bid p.a. were £9,412.50; £83,500 and £58,292 respectively.

Lot three: Three tenders were received. One bid £8,125.00 but did not meet the requirements in the specification and therefore was removed from further consideration. Of the remaining bidders, bidder one scored 30/40 for quality and submitted an offer of £42,492.00 p.a. Bidder two scored 12.5/40 and submitted an offer of £83,500.00

Recommendation:

Lot one: It is recommended not to award a contract under lot one due to the fact that the single submitted bid did not meet the specified quality requirements. It did not offer a streamlined approach to service provision or any direct client delivery. It proposed to run a transition year, with a review being undertaken alongside continuation of existing arrangements whereby coordination functions were duplicated across the four counties. The proposal did not therefore meet the key priorities that the tender was seeking to address. Following further discussion, it is recommended to re-tender for this element of the service with amendments being made to the specification. This should be undertaken imminently. An assessment of the impact on service delivery of ceasing to fund the current arrangements indicates a low level of risk, with provision being easily addressed via alternative arrangements.

Lot two: It is recommended not to award a contract under lot two due to none of the bids meeting the specified quality requirements. Only one of the bids offered a partial solution to the priorities to be addressed and this was on a two county basis rather than offering provision across the force area. This proposal still raised some issues of concern and was not of a quality standard high enough to justify contract award. A number of options are available including the potential to run pilot projects. However, following further discussion it is recommended that part of this lot will be addressed via the reconfiguration and re-tendering of antisocial behaviour services outlined above. The remaining priorities focus on prevention and early intervention services; these are not currently funded and therefore by not awarding there will be no impact on current service delivery. It is proposed to enter into discussions at a future date with Hafan Cymru (following award of lot three) regarding the potential to incorporate a preventative element into the youth offending service provision.

Lot three: It is recommended to award a contract to Hafan Cymru as the tender ranked in first place on a combination of price and quality. The contract to be awarded for two years with an option to extend for two further years on an annual basis at a cost of £41,492.00 p.a.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date:

4/4/14

1. Purpose of Report

To approve the recommendation to award / not award contracts for the commissioning of services to reduce and prevent antisocial behaviour and youth offending.

2. Options Appraisal

1. Not applicable

3. Background / Issues for consideration

None

4. Legal issues

The Police and Crime Commissioner has the power to enter into a contract for the commissioning of services to reduce and prevent antisocial behaviour and youth offending by virtue of paragraph 14 schedule 1 of the Police reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

The CFO(PCC) is authorised to "invite and where appropriate accept quotations and tenders for goods and services for which provision is included in the budget." (Scheme of Governance page 19 para 4.38)

5. Financial Implications/Assessment of Value For Money

The total annual budget for these services is £250,000. The proposed contract for lot three is for the sum of £41,492.00 per annum thus £208,508 remains to be allocated for the provision of those element of the service unable to be contracted for under this procurement exercise.

6. (Strategic) Risk analysis

Limited to confirming relevant insurances in place

7. Contribution to the Police and Crime Plan

Services proposed to be awarded will contribute to the priorities of preventing and tackling crime and protecting vulnerable people.

8. Implications for Regional / Collaborative/ Partnership Working

There may be some negative response to the decision in terms of ceasing funding for existing arrangements with Community Safety Partnerships and Youth Offending Teams. However, it has been made clear since the implementation of Police and Crime Commissioners that historical arrangements for funding streams would cease. The Commissioner retained status quo arrangements for the 2013/14 year and providers will have been aware that contingency plans and exit strategies should be in place for any funded services.

The recommended award and subsequent re-tendering exercise will encourage collaboration between a wider base of partner agencies and will foster new working arrangements.

One of the key priorities within the tendering process was to deliver a partnership approach with streamlined services across the force area. The recommendations will go some way to achieving this and partnership working will remain a key commitment for the Commissioner.

9. Media Handling Considerations

Not applicable

10. Miscellaneous Implications: (Include consideration of implications of: Equality and Diversity, Crime and Disorder Act, Children and Young People, Human Rights, Environmental and National Park, Biodiversity and Sustainability Issues

11. Appendices

None

12. Background / Supporting papers

None

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15. Officer Approval

Chief Financial Officer

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial and legal advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this an appropriate request to be submitted to the Commissioner for information. I approve the procurement in accordance with the delegated authority provided to me in accordance with Standing Orders on Contracts

Signature

Date