

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Executive</b> 17 October 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Report from the Director of Adult Social Services</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards Affected: ALL</p>	
<p><b>Young People Accommodation Based Services and Floating Support Services - Update Report regarding Award of Framework Contracts</b></p>	

## 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Following a meeting of the Executive on 17 August 2011 when authority was given to appoint organisations to two frameworks for young people housing support services as required by Contract Standing Order 88, Officers have received representations from tendering organisations regarding the process.
- 1.2 Current contracts for young people based accommodation services and floating support services expire on 23 October 2011. In view of matters identified in paragraph 1.1 above, this report requests authority to extend existing contracts for period(s) of up to three months from 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 to enable Officers to further investigate representations from tendering organisations.

## 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Executive approve a short extension of existing contracts for young people based accommodation services and floating support services with De Paul Trust, Catch 22, St Christopher's Fellowship, Coram Housing and Support Services, Brent Housing Partnership and Centre Point for period(s) of up to three months from 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2011.

## 3.0 Background and Detail

- 3.1 The Executive on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 gave authority to tender framework agreements for young people and teenage parents. A subsequent report to the Executive on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 approved the recommendation to continue the procurement process for two young persons ("YP") framework agreements, the Supporting People Young People Accommodation based Support Services Framework Agreement ("Framework 1") and the Supporting

People Young People Floating Support Services Framework Agreement (“Framework 2”). At that time, the Executive agreed not to proceed with the procurement of framework agreements for the provision of services to teenage parents which had originally been part of the same procurement.

- 3.2 Subsequently a report was submitted to the Executive on 17 August when authority was given to appoint organisations to Framework 1 and Framework 2 as required by Contract Standing Order 88, Further, authority was also given to award of call-off contracts from those frameworks. The organisations for which authority was obtained for appointment to the frameworks and call off contracts are as set out below.

Table 1 – Framework 1

<b>Organisations appointed to Framework 1, Lots 1&amp;2 (accommodation based services)</b>	<b>Organisation to be awarded an initial call-off contract for Lot 1</b>	<b>Organisation to be awarded an initial call-off contract for Lot 2</b>
1. Supplier G - Coram (Thomas Coram Foundation for Children) of 49 Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N	Coram Thomas Coram Foundation for Children of 49 Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N	De Paul UK of 291-299 Borough High Street, London SE1 1JG
2. Supplier F – De Paul UK of 291-299 Borough High Street, London SE1 1JG		
3. Supplier A – Lookahead Housing and Care of 1 Derry Street, London W8 5HY		

Table 2 – Framework 2

<b>Organisations appointed to Framework 2 (floating support services)</b>	<b>Organisation to be awarded an initial call-off contract for Framework 2</b>
1. Supplier A – Lookahead Housing and Care of 1 Derry Street, London W8 5HY	Coram (Thomas Coram Foundation for Children) of 49 Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N
2. Supplier G – Coram (Thomas Coram Foundation for Children) of 49 Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N	
3. Supplier F – De Paul UK of 291-299 Borough High Street, London SE1 1JG	

<p>4 .Supplier C – Brent Housing Partnership of Chancel House, Neasden Lane, NW10</p>	
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3.3 Following the Executive meeting on 17 August, the Council wrote to tenderers advising of the outcome of the evaluation and of the Council's intention to proceed with the appointment to the frameworks and call off contracts. Subsequently Officers received correspondence from 3 organisations regarding the outcome of the tender process . Officers are currently involved in investigating the process and whilst this process is on-going, wish to extend existing contracts for young people based accommodation services and floating support services. It is expected that such investigations will be concluded within a limited period, but Officers seek an extension for period(s) of up to three months from 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 to enable the investigation to take place and thereafter to ensure appropriate implementation of services.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 None

#### **5.0 Legal Implications**

5.1 As detailed in the report to the Executive of 17 August, the estimated value of both the Framework 1 and 2 exceeds the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (the "EU Regulations") threshold for Services. The provision of Supporting People Services are Part B Services for the purposes of the EU Regulations and as such are subject to partial application only of the EU Regulations; such as the requirement for non-discrimination in the technical specification and notification of the contract award to the EU Publications Office. The EU Regulations do not therefore determine the procurement process to be followed although the overriding principles of EU law (equality of treatment, fairness and transparency in the award process) continue to apply in relation to the award of the Frameworks.

5.2 The recommendation to extend contracts contained in the report is to enable a thorough investigation of the process. Such investigation is consistent with ensuring the overriding principles of EU law are observed with regard to equality of treatment and fairness and transparency in the award process.

#### **Background Papers**

- Executive report 9th October 2006 Title: Supporting People Contracts
- Executive report 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 Title: Authority to tender for young people and teenage parent supporting people accommodation based service and floating support services

- Executive report 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 Title: Young People and Teenage Parent Accommodation and Floating Support Services
- Executive report 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011 Title: Award of Framework Contracts for the Procurement and Management of Young People Accommodation Based Services and Floating Support Services

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