

CABINET MEETING – 10TH MARCH 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET - PART 1

Title of Report:

Home Improvement Agency (HIA) - Tender for through Floor Lifts and Ceiling Tracking Hoists

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

To seek Cabinet's approval to invite contractors to tender for the installation of through floor lifts, ceiling tracking hoists.

Description of Decision:

Cabinet is asked to approve the invitation of contractors to tender for a two year contract for the installation of through floor lifts and ceiling tracking hoists with the option to extend a further year by the Council only.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The existing contract has been successful in creating a more efficient service by reducing tender timescales on individual applications. The existing contract is due to expire therefore a new contract is required.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

There are no alternative options for consideration.

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution?

Yes

Relevant Scrutiny Committee:

Sustainable Communities
Health and Well Being

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

Yes

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, HOUSING AND ADULT SERVICES

HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY (HIA) - TENDER FOR THROUGH FLOOR LIFTS & CEILING TRACK HOISTS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet's approval to invite contractors to tender for the installation of through floor lifts, ceiling tracking hoists.

2. DESCRIPTION OF DECISION

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to approve the invitation of contractors to tender for a two year contract for the installation of through floor lifts and ceiling tracking hoists with the option to extend a further year by the Council only.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council provides fixed mechanical equipment in the homes of eligible customers, where a need has been identified by an Occupational Therapy assessment. This equipment is funded through a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) under The Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.

4 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The existing contract to supply through floor lifts and ceiling tracking hoists will expire on 31st March 2010.

5 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 5.1 A contract for the provision of through floor lifts and ceiling track hoists was introduced on 1st April 2009. This contract has resulted in a more effective and efficient service. The procurement of this contract will ensure these benefits continue and ensure target times are met.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 There are no alternative options for consideration.

7 RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS / CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Financial Implications

The overall tender is expected to be in excess of £250,000, hence the need for Cabinet approval. The costs of this contract will be met from the DFG budget.

7.2 Legal Implications

The Council will enter an agreement with the contractor and will be subject to the conditions of the contract throughout the contract period.

7.3 Disability Discrimination Act

This proposal will reduce the waiting time for DFG applicants and will improve the customer journey for DFG.

7.4 Procurement

The invitation to tender, the tender process and the award of the contract will be carried out using the services of Corporate Procurement and will adhere to the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.

Sunderland City Council Provision of structural alterations to Property for adults and Children with a Physical disability, Statement of Purpose.