

CABINET MEETING – 11 MARCH 2009 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET	
Title of Report: Independent Futures – Award of Contract for Domiciliary Support Service to Adults with Learning Disabilities	
Author(s): Director of Health, Housing & Adult Services	
Purpose of Report: To inform Cabinet of the decision to award a contract for domiciliary support service to Adults with Learning Disabilities, as a matter of urgency for Sunderland Health, Housing & Adult Services pursuant to Paragraph 5.4(g) of the Council’s Procurement Procedure Rules.	
Description of Decision: Cabinet is recommended to note the decision made to award a contract to Sunderland Home Care Associates for domiciliary support service to Adults with Learning Disabilities, and the circumstances that gave rise to the use of the urgency powers as set out in Paragraph 5.4(g) of the Council’s Procurement Procedure Rules.	
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: To provide a domiciliary support service to Adults with Learning Disabilities with complex and challenging behaviour, in order to facilitate independent living in the community with skilled and sensitive support in a person centred and empowering way.	
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The Department of Health have set very tight timescales for the completion of the transfer of resources and responsibility (31 March 09). Tendering options would not be possible in the timescales available and the very specialist nature of the support service required is not available else where currently within the City.	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? Yes	Relevant Review Committee: Health & Well-Being Review Committee
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

Independent Futures – Award of Contract for Domiciliary Support Service to Adults with Learning Disabilities

Report of the Director of Health, Housing & Adult Services

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the decision to award a contract for domiciliary support service to Adults with a Learning Disability as a matter of urgency for Sunderland Heath, Housing & Adult Services pursuant to Paragraph 5.4(g) of the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 Cabinet is recommended to note the decision made to award a contract to Sunderland Home Care Associates (SHCA) for domiciliary support service to Adults with Learning Disabilities and the circumstances that gave rise to the use of the urgency powers as set out in Paragraph 5.4(g) of the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The NHS have instigated a resettlement programme to support individuals with a learning disability currently residing in campus accommodation often outside of their local area. Financial support is being provided by the NHS and the City Council together with the PCT and Stonham Housing is working to resettle 19 people over the next 18 months. The resettlement will involve people being supported in tenancies with specialist domiciliary support. The budget required is being transferred from the NHS, however the timescales set require arrangements to be in place by 31 March which does not allow the time required to undertake the usual tendering process.
- 3.2 Sunderland Home Care Associates (SHCA) have extensive experience of working with adults with learning disabilities in vocational and non-vocational roles, as well as in domiciliary support. It is intended that people who are a part of the NHS Campus Resettlement Programme will be supported by SHCA. All individuals will receive person centred plans and will be offered behavioural support plans and risk management plans if these are required. SHCA will provide individualised training in partnership with health colleagues to ensure the person's needs are appropriately met. A small number of identified individuals not currently meeting campus criteria will be considered for support by SHCA.

3.3 Sunderland Home Care Associates have been contracted with the Adult Services since September 2000 to provide domiciliary support service across the City. During this time, SHCA have applied for several domiciliary contracts through planned tender processes and have been successful in obtaining a contract each time.

3.4 Budget for these individuals will be calculated according to their personal needs and the indicative costs are in the region of £870,000 for the year 09/10. SHCA are actively seeking to work with individuals in a way which will possibly reduce costs over a period of time. The full revenue cost of this service is being covered by the Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust.

4.0 **Alternative Options**

4.1 The Department of Health have set very tight timescales for the completion of the transfer of resources and responsibility (31 March 09). Tendering options would not be possible in the timescales available and the very specialist nature of the support service required is not available elsewhere currently within the City.

5.0 **Conclusion**

5.1 It is recommended that the decision to enter into a contract with Sunderland Home Care Associates for the provision of a domiciliary support service for Adults with Learning Disabilities be agreed.

6.0 **Consultations**

6.1 The City Treasurer and City Solicitor have been consulted and their comments are contained in the body of this report.

7.0 **Background Papers**

7.1 Council's Procurement Procedure Rules
Department of Health, Campus Capital Programme, Learning Disabilities.