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Contract

## **Covid-19 Town Centre Steward Cover**

Central Bedfordshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-000283

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-028861

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Central Bedfordshire Council

Monks Walk, Chicksands

SHEFFORD

SG175TQ

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Covid-19 Town Centre Steward Cover

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

To provide 7 day a week Covid-19 Steward cover from 09.00 to 21.00 hours in 8 Town Centre areas in Central Bedfordshire.

This service provision is a Covid-19 emergency response to support the Council's Tier 4 response to reducing increasing COVID-19 infection rates across Central Bedfordshire.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £335,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

On 17 December Central Bedfordshire was placed in the highest tier of Covid-19 restrictions. Covid-19 infection rates in Central Bedfordshire were increasing at a high rate across all ages despite the national lockdown in November 2020 and existing social distancing measures. Infection rates are continuing to increase, and additional measures are needed immediately to ensure the public are advised and guided to reduce contact with others and to follow central government covid rules and regulations with a view to stabilising and ultimately reducing infection and death rates in Central Bedfordshire and reduce the capacity pressures that increasing infection rates are having on the NHS.

Whilst Council officers provide advice and guidance to the public there is a need to provide an additional presence to support that message directly. Central government have advocated the use of such stewards in the following guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-local-authority-compliance-and-enforcement-grant/guidance-to-support-local-authority-compliance-and-enforcement-activity-including-covid-19-secure-marshals-or-equivalents# covid-19-secure-marshals-or-equivalents>

This sets out that COVID-19 secure marshals, or their equivalents are to:

- promote social distancing and encourage public compliance with COVID-19 public health measures
- educate and explain COVID-19 Secure guidelines in the public realm and for business premises
- identify and support businesses and premises not following guidelines, escalating as

appropriate

- These objectives will support businesses and the public, increasing understanding of COVID-19 public health measures, such as social distancing, wearing face coverings in appropriate settings and hand washing.

The Council does not have the resources available to provide the additional visible presence needed for Covid-19 Stewards. As such funding provided by central government to support the control of Covid-19 will be used to employ the stewards.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Contract is for 12 weeks service provision with potential further 3 months subject to funding and mass vaccination progress.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

This provision is an emergency response to the inclusion of Central Bedfordshire in Tier 4 of Covid-19 restrictions by Central Government on 17 December 2020. CYS is an existing Council contractor and can provide the services required at extreme short notice.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

4 January 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

CYS Security Ltd

Luton

LU3 1LF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH21 - Luton

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £335,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Central Bedfordshire Council

Shefford

Country

United Kingdom