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Award

Shared Accommodation Services for Children in Care and Care Leavers

Kent County Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-033698

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Kent County Council

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Maidstone

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Shared Accommodation Services for Children in Care and Care Leavers

Reference number

DN609847

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 70333000 - Housing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Shared Accommodation service for Children in Care and Care Leavers is to provide a full range of stable, safe, well maintained accommodation for Service Users nominated by

the Council. Shared Accommodation in the context is residential property units to accommodate Page 3 to 6 individual young people.

The service has 3 main aspects; 1 Accommodation Brokerage 2 Property and Facilities Management 3 Move In Arrangements

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: £7,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Property only county wide model. Cohort 16-21 year old young people, children in care and care leavers. Quantity is based on demand.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Shared Accommodation contract is due to expire on the 31 March 2023.

KCC has a statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of Kent Children in Care and ensure best value for money it spends on behalf of the Kent population. It also has a statutory responsibility to ensure there is safe and sufficient accommodation for Children in Care.

There is no provision in the contract to extend. Following full analysis of the provision data, market position and engagement with key stakeholders, a Business Case and Commissioning Plan were developed and were due to be presented to the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee in January 2022. However, the announcement by Ofsted in December 2021 to require regulation in a previously unregulated accommodation market has significantly impacted the proposed direction of travel.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-012283](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

SC220295

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Clearsprings Ready Homes Ltd

26 Brook Road Business Park

Rayleigh

SS6 7XJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £7,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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