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## **Shared Accommodation Services for Children in Care and Care Leavers**

Kent County Council

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

#### **Contact**

Ms Karen Dudley

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS 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

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**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 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: £2,500,000

### **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

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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

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

Explanation:

The Shared Accommodation contract is due to expire on the 31 October 2022.

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 proceed with Governance 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. This will require a full tender exercise in 2022/23 with an award in April 2023.

#### **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/concession**

### **Contract No**

SS17-052

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

1 March 2022

**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**

Clear Springs Ready Homes Ltd

26 Brook Road Business Park,

Rayleigh

SS6 7XJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

7921508

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: £2,500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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