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Contract

## **Supported Living Block Contracts 2023: Lot 1 – Homes for Living (Learning Disability/Autism). Lot 2 - Options for Support (Mental Health)**

Buckinghamshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.buckinghamshire.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**

Supported Living Block Contracts 2023: Lot 1 – Homes for Living (Learning Disability/Autism). Lot 2 - Options for Support (Mental Health)

Reference number

DN689556

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Buckinghamshire Council is seeking a Provider/s to provide Care and Support under 2 block contract arrangement within 13 supported living services, 7 locations supporting people with a learning disability/autism and 6 locations supporting people with mental health conditions.

The services vary in size and support a total of 124 service users.

The Provider will provide high quality and person-centred care and support for people

assessed by the Council or in exceptional circumstance the Integrated Care Board (ICB) as being eligible for health and social care support under the provisions of The Care Act 2014 and The National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS Funded Nursing Care 2022.

The Provider must be a Care Quality Commission (CQC) Registered Provider to deliver this regulated activity. The Provider must have a good track record and be rated by CQC as 'Good' or above in 50% of their registered service portfolio or be rated 'Good' or above if they only have one other service. The Provider must have in post a registered person or Director who must have the qualifications, competence, skills, and experience necessary for the role. The Registered person or Director must not have been responsible for any serious misconduct or mismanagement while carrying out a regulated activity.

The ownership of the properties is split between 2 Registered Landlords, it being a prerequisite for any contract award that any new care provider enters into agreements with these landlords for the purpose of using office accommodation (where this is available), and (where this is necessary) delivering housing management functions, on site.

The Provider is required to deliver services via its support workers based at the locations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including bank holidays and public holidays as required to meet the needs of Service Users within the Establishments.

The Provider will ensure that all Staff have a new Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check carried out prior to undertaking work with Service Users and shall renew existing staff checks at regular intervals in line with guidance from the DBS service. Staff will be required to have the highest level of DBS check in accordance with the safe and fair recruitment guide set by Skills for Care.

TUPE may apply to this contract.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £33,589,171.77

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Homes for Living - Learning Disability and Autism

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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

Lot 1 - Homes for Living - Learning Disability and Autism (locations across Bucks in Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Princes Risborough, Chesham). All Services should operate a model of 'Shared Supported Living' (SSL). Further details available in the tender documents

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **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

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Options for Support – Mental Health

Lot No

2

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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

Lot 2 - Options for Support – Mental Health (locations across Bucks in Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Princes Risborough, Amersham). The Services will operate 2 models of

support.

i) Most of the Services will operate a model of 'Shared Supported Living' (SSL). The

Provider's support staff will be based at the Service 24 hours a day 365 days a year and provide Shared Hours (core) support during the day. All Services have an element of Sleeping Night, Waking Night or On Call Support dependent on the assessed needs of the Service Users who reside there. Additional Hours support are also provided by the Provider where required to meet an assessed need.

ii) Some Services will operate a model of 'Independent Supported Living (ISL)'. The Provider will offer Additional Hours Support to the Service Users based on their assessed level of needs. There will be an on-call service that Service Users contact in an emergency. It should be noted that most ISL services operate from establishments where there is already a Shared Support Service on the site.

Further details available in the tender documents

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **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**

Open procedure

#### **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: [2023/S 000-027603](#)

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

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Homes for Living - Learning Disability and Autism (Lot 1)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

30 June 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 19

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

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

HIGHTOWN HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Hightown House, Maylands Avenue

Hemel Hempstead

HP2 4XH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £20,726,729.1

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

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Homes for Living - Learning Disability and Autism (Lot 2)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

30 June 2024

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



Number of tenders received: 18

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

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

HIGHTOWN HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Hightown House, Maylands Avenue

Hemel Hempstead

HP2 4XH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £12,862,442.67

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The High Court

The Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Council will incorporate a standstill period at the point when information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days and provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for the aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)