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## **Supported Lodgings Accommodation Services for cared for children & care leavers aged 16+**

Cheshire East Borough Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKD62 - Cheshire East

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.the-chest.org.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 Lodgings Accommodation Services for cared for children & care leavers aged 16+

Reference number

DN636732

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

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

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

Services

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

Cheshire East Council aims to provide a Supported Lodging Accommodation Service, which will be available to 16-17 year old cared for children and care leavers as defined by The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000. The service could also be utilised by former relevant care leavers until the age of 25yrs with agreement from permanence and throughcare team's service manager. Care Leavers move towards independence at a pace that is right for them. Care Leavers develop the skills and the confidence they need to maximise their chances of successful maturity to adulthood. They receive the right level of practical, emotional and financial support until they are at least 21, and, where necessary, until they are 25. Care Leavers have accommodation that best meets their needs and helps them to develop their independent skills safely.

Providers of accommodation and support services should therefore submit applications that will meet the service needs and provide short and longer term accommodation and support for young people within this age bracket and suitable to support a wide range of young people to include those with learning and or physical disability, those with emotional and behavioural problems, care leavers, asylum seekers and young people who are identified by the council who are at risk of homelessness.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

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

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The supported lodgings service provides accommodation and bespoke support for young people who reside within the 'host' own residence, with the 'host' being regarded as a role model and mentor to the young person/s. The service is delivered in the Host's own homes, and will need to have packages individually tailored to the young person.

The supplier will recruit 10 hosts for the entirety of the 5-year contract that are all able to accommodate a range of needs that fall within a three tier model;

- Tier One- Basic support

Host's provide support to service users living in their home.

All support will be delivered under an agreed support plan and lodgings contract.

- Tier Two – Complex Independent

Complex Independent young people may require a little more support; this young person may have good independent living skills but their personal circumstances may be that they require additional support.

- Tier Three – Complex Dependent

Complex Dependent young people may require more intense support with both their independent living skills; or their personal circumstances. It is not expected that the 'host' provide personal care for the young person in respect to personal hygiene or medical support.

The Local Authority will state the tier to be applied when the initial referral is made to the supplier.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

It will be renewed (up to 12 months prior) by the end of the initial contract period March 2026 or by the end of the full 5 year extended period March 2028

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are options to extend for up to a further 2 x 12 months (at the council's sole discretion). In the event the contract is extended, any extension shall be on the same terms and conditions of contract as the original contract period.

The contract is for an initial period of 3 years from 01/04/23 to 31/03/26 with 2 x 12 months optional extensions to 31/03/28.

### **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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

18 November 2022

Local time

11:00am

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

18 November 2022

Local time

11:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom