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Planning

Provision of a Accommodation Management Service

West Sussex County Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/default.aspx>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Housing and community amenities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of a Accommodation Management Service

Reference number

C17358

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 70210000 - Residential property renting or leasing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

West Sussex County Council are holding a Provider engagement on Monday 30th October at 1.30pm via Microsoft Teams.

Please RSVP via the contact details provided in this notice by 2.30pm Friday 27th October. Please see below for some brief detail around the Council's requirements.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,250,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)
- UKJ28 - West Sussex (North East)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Since November 2021, West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) has been delivering the onsite wrap-around support provision across two Bridging Hotels which were commissioned by the Home Office to accommodate individuals and families evacuated from Afghanistan during Operation Pitting following the rise of the Taliban in August 2021. Following the Prime Minister's announcement in December 2022 describing an intention to reduce the reliance on hotel accommodation, a programme of activity has been underway which culminated in the closure of all Afghan Bridging Hotels across the country on 31st August 2023.

WSSCC continues to work with national and regional partners to secure property options to allow Bridging Hotel residents to move to independent settled accommodation in a location of their choice across the country as well as within West Sussex. All residents of Bridging Hotels have arrived into the UK with status granted under one of the national Refugee Resettlement schemes and as such have full access to welfare benefits, education, employment, healthcare, language skills and full integration support which provides the supporting Local Authority (WSSCC) to claim tariff funding to deliver this practical support for a 3 year duration from move to settled accommodation.

The County Council now has the opportunity to enter into a lease to secure a block of flats providing multiple units of accommodation for those previously in Bridging Hotels. This will alleviate the demand for the use of more expensive temporary accommodation and provide longer-term housing, for individuals, couples and small family groups, who are already living and working in the area.

West Sussex County Council are now seeking a Service Provider organisation to supply management services for this single block of 41 flats. The Service Provider will be required to enter into a sub-lease with the County Council on terms to be agreed between both parties. The Service Provider will be required to deliver, over the 5 year sub-lease period, support for individuals/families resident within the individual self-contained flats which will be inclusive of (but not limited to) repairs and maintenance to the entire accommodation block and individual flats, inclusive of out of hours support, liaison with both the landlord and tenants and issuing tenancy agreements.

The Estimated total value for this contract is £1,250,000.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 October 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No