**Housing Board 04.06.21**

**Housing Related Support Update**

**Procurement:**

Young Person Services:

This tender is live. Initial bid submissions are due on 18th June.

There are 4 lots being tendered for. One contract will be awarded per lot.

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| Lot No. | Description | Contract Value (7 years) | Annual value (year 1) |
| 1 | Cambridges City & South Cambridgeshire | £6,122,403 | £874,629 |
| 2 | Fenland | £1,971,354 | £281,622 |
| 3 | Huntingdonshire | £2,442,916 | £348,988 |
| 4 | East Cambridgeshire | £717,262 | £102,466 |

Following evaluation and moderation, dialogue sessions will be held with the top 3 scoring bidders in each Lot. These will take place w/c 19th July.

Final tender submissions will be due 11th August.

Contracts will be awarded in October with new contract commencing on 1st January 2022.

A significant transition period will be required to deliver the new models, so on award of contract a transition plan will be agreed with clear milestones for implementation. This will be monitored and managed using the contract.

Adults Homeless Services:

A paper is going to Adults and Health Committee on 24th June to seek approval to go out to procurement. If approved the tender will go live in early July.

The proposed timetable is shown below;

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| **Activity:** | **Date:** |
| Tender goes live | July 2021 |
| Initial Tenders Submissions | August 2021 |
| Final Tender Submissions | October 2021 |
| Contract Award | December 2021 |
| Contract Start Date | 1st April 2022 |

The proposal is to tender for 2 Lots;

Lot 1 – Fenland

Lot 2 – City & South Cambs

Lot 2 will be a joint procurement with Cambridge City to deliver the ‘Streets to Homes’ model which has been developed with providers, partners and those with lived experience. In addition to funding from the HRS services currently commissioned by the County, this lot will also include funding for 2 x services currently commissioned by public health.

Public Health have also included 2 x commissioned services within Lot 2.

A list of the current services covered by this procurement are shown below;

| **Service** | **Provider** | **District** | **Units** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Accommodation based support services** | | | |
| Jimmy’s Assessment Centre and Abbey Street | Jimmy’s Cambridge | Cambridge | 24 |
| 451 Newmarket Road\* | Jimmy’s Cambridge | Cambridge | 6 |
| Willow Walk | Riverside Group | Cambridge | 20 |
| 222 Victoria Road | Riverside Group | Cambridge | 54 |
| Corona House | CHS Group | Cambridge | 6 |
| Dispersed & Move-On Houses | Cambridge Cyrenians | Cambridge | 73 |
| Jubilee Project\* | Cambridge Cyrenians | Cambridge | 10 |
| The Ferry Project | Places for People | Fenland | 45 |
| Princes Walk | Futures Housing Group | Fenland | 9 |
| **Community based support services** | | | |
| Street Outreach / Homeless Prevention Officer | Change Grow Live (CGL)\*\* | Cambridge | Variable |
| Learning and Development (excluded adults) | Wintercomfort\*\*\* | Cambridge | Variable |

*\* Currently commissioned by Public Health*

*\*\* Part of a joint contract arrangement with Cambridge City*

*\*\*\* Part of a joint grant arrangement with Cambridge City*

Housing First

The current coutywide Housing First service is funded by Central Government grant funding until April 2022.

Housing First is an integral element of the new model and the current service is supporting 20 complex clients in Housing First tenancies. Of these 20, 7 have already sustained their tenancy for over 6 months and a further 3 have sustained for more than 1 year.

To ensure the service can continue to be available at the end of the grant funded period, £225,000 needs to be allocated from the curent HRS budget. This will enable a core service to be funded for Cambridgeshire (excluding Peterborough) after April 2022 .

£100,000 of this has already been allocated from the young person’s spend and Committee will be asked to approve the allocation of the remaining £125,000 from the curernt Adult homeless budget. This means that budgets for the tender will not be the same as the current level of spend.

The Domestic Abuse Partnership are also funding an additional Housing First post. The support worker will also be IDVA trained to enable specilaist support to be available for Housing First

clients impacted by Domestic Abuse. Funding for this post is curently for 1 year.

P3 Countywide Floating Support Service:

P3 have reported that they are now running above capacity in Fenland, Huntingdonshire and East Cambs.

For East Cambs the capacity issue should be resolved when the new worker starts with the team.

For Fenland and Huntingdonshire P3 are looking at other solutions e.g. a large open ‘drop in’ session in Fenland, contacting partners to request only more urgent referrals are made, potential to close the referral portal for a very brief period.

Whilst P3 have seen a steady increase in referrals since the first lockdown, they have reported a dramatic increase in referrals from private renters and are currently supporting a number of people who wouldn’t usually access their service.

Given the ban on evictions has now ended there are concerns that referrals will spike further.