

To: Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

On: 30th March 2022

Report by: The Chief Executive and the Director of Children's Services

Heading: Provision of Specialised Services in Supported Accommodation and Related Specialist Support Services for Women and Their Children Affected by Domestic Abuse

(RC-CPU-21-093)

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board to award a contract to Renfrewshire Women's Aid (SCIO) for the Provision of Specialised Services in Supported Accommodation and Related Specialist Support Services for Women and Their Children Affected by Domestic Abuse.

1.2 The recommendation to award this Contract follows a procurement exercise which was conducted as a Negotiated Procedure without prior publication in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and regulation 76 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 as amended for a Social and other Specific Services contract.

1.3 A Contract Strategy for this contract was approved by the Strategic Commercial and Procurement Manager and the Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice on 3rd November 2021.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board authorise the Head of Corporate Governance:

2.1.1 To award the Contract for the Provision of Specialised Services in Supported Accommodation and Related Specialist Support Services for Women and Their Children Affected by Domestic Abuse to Renfrewshire Women's Aid (SCIO);

2.1.2 To award the Contract for three (3) years with the option to extend for up to 24 months, anticipated to commence on 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2025 and ending on 30th April 2027 should the extension options be taken; the exact dates to be confirmed in the Council's Letter of Acceptance.

2.1.3 To award the Contract up to a maximum value of £1,240,695 excluding VAT for the entire period of the contract (equal to £248,139 per annum).

3. **Background**

3.1 This contract will replace an existing contract with Renfrewshire Women's Aid (SCIO).

3.2 The service provides local help, support and information to women and women with children and young people affected by domestic abuse. The type of support offered includes: support services within temporary accommodation, an advice centre, one to one support, advocacy, legal and welfare rights information and group support.

3.3 The procurement process for this Contract was conducted as a Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and Regulation 76 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, as amended for a Social and Other Specific Services Contract.

3.4 The Invitation to Contract was issued to Renfrewshire Women's Aid (SCIO) via the Public Contracts Scotland-Tender portal.

3.5 The Invitation to Contract included a Single Procurement Document (SPD) as required by the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts. Renfrewshire Women's Aid (SCIO) met all the stated minimum criteria within the SPD.

3.6 Renfrewshire Women’s Aid (SCIO) technical and commercial submission was evaluated against pre-determined criteria by representatives from the following Council Services: Corporate Procurement Unit, Corporate Risk, Health and Safety, Children’s Services and a representative of the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership – all requirements were met. Renfrewshire Women’s Aid (SCIO) as part of the tender submission confirmed that they would deliver the services under the Contract for the Price as stated in 2.1.3 above.

3.7 Community Benefits were sought as part of the procurement process. Renfrewshire Women’s Aid (SCIO) have offered the following community benefits as part of their tender submission:

| Community Benefit offered | Number of Community Benefits |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| S/NVQ (or equivalent) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Employee • Existing Employee • Supply Chain Employee | 8 |

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Using Dun & Bradstreet, the financial status of Renfrewshire Women’s Aid (SCIO) was assessed. This confirmed that the organisation satisfied the Council’s requirements in relation to financial stability.

2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None

3. **Community/Council Planning** –
 - Reshaping our place, our economy and our future – Service Users and the wider community are better informed of the causes and impact of domestic abuse.
 - Building strong, safe and resilient communities – The contract will provide help, support and information services that are aimed at empowering women and children to make informed choices and find appropriate routes to safety.
 - Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all – Supporting delivery of the Scottish Government Equally Safe Strategy to ensure it is implemented and is successful in achieving its aims.

4. **Legal** – This procurement process was conducted as a contract for Social and Other specific Services in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.
5. **Property/Assets** - None
6. **Information Technology** - None
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals’ human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council’s website.
8. **Health & Safety** – Renfrewshire Women’s Aid (SCIO) Health and Safety submission has been evaluated by Corporate Health and Safety and meets the Council’s requirements.
9. **Procurement** – The procurement procedures outlined within this report shall ensure that the Council meets its statutory requirements in respect of procurement procedures, efficiency and modern Government.
10. **Risk** – Renfrewshire Women’s Aid (SCIO) insurances have been assessed and evaluated and meet the minimum requirements regarding insurable risk.
11. **Privacy Impact** – A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is not required as the Council does not share any personal data with Renfrewshire Women’s Aid (SCIO). Renfrewshire Women’s Aid (SCIO) is a Data Controller in the delivery of this contract and will comply with Renfrewshire Council’s General Conditions of Contract Health and Social Care February 2021 data protection provisions.
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – Not Applicable.
13. **Climate Change** – No climate change implications were noted as part of this Contract.

List of Background Papers

none

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