



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 10TH NOVEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: THE PROVISION OF A PARENTING PROGRAMME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Scrutiny Committee– of the Provision for a Parenting Programme and the actions undertaken by the Head of Procurement and Head of Corporate Finance (S.151 officer) following a tender process that has been carried out in accordance with the EU Procurement Directives and Standing Orders for Contracts.
- 1.2 Contract period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2012 with an option to extend for up to a further period of twelve months.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Youth Offending Service provide services, as defined by the Youth Justice Board, to young people who come into the Youth Justice System. The Youth Offending Service is mandated to provide interventions to prevent offending and re-offending following a thorough assessment (ASSET) of need. The multi-agency nature of the Youth Offending Service allows the team to draw upon many fields of expertise, which include, but is not limited to, Education Manager, Community Psychiatric Nurse, and Substance Misuse Specialist.
- 2.2 The mainstay of the Youth Offending Service's work is to provide effective interventions to those young people and their families who have been made subject to Criminal Court Orders including those detained in custody. The Youth Offending Service is committed to working with partner organisations to ensure that appropriate support is available to young people and their families to prevent offending or re-offending.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The report links with the aims and objectives of the authority in line with the The Youth Offending Service for the prevention of offenders and re-offenders.
- 3.2 Links with the strategic aims of terms of accessible services that meet individual assessed needs in a timely way.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The above arrangement is a Residual B Service and therefore is exempt from certain aspects of the EU procurement directives. In order to establish competition and address development of market involvement, an advertisement was placed on the Buy4Wales web-site inviting potential providers to express an interest in the tendering process.

4.2 The Project Team involved with the procurement process consisted of officers from the Youth Offending Service and Procurement:

Judith Jardine - Youth Offending Service
Patricia Morgan - Youth Offending Service
Michael O'Leary - Procurement Officer

4.3 Five organisations expressed an interest to participate in the tender process, with all being issued with a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire on 20 March 2009.

4.4 Only two of the five organisations submitted a complete PQQ and following a detailed evaluation by the project team only one of the organisations attained the necessary pre-determined score to proceed to the next stage of the process. The maximum score achievable was 240 points and organisations were required to obtain 75% of that score which equated to 180 points.

Company Name	Evaluation Score
Action for Children	194
Morphious Ltd	126

Consideration was given to re-running the process, however it was agreed by the project team that there would be no benefit to the Authority in re-advertising the arrangement. The market is not buoyant, with very few providers being able to provide this type of service. Additionally, there is very little scope for profit for a new provider, as this service had TUPE implications, and thus an additional cost to any new provider. Therefore, a decision was made to proceed on a single offer basis with Action for Children Ltd (who are the incumbent provider).

4.5 Prior to the commencement of the procurement process, the project team agreed the award strategy for this contract, which would be the most economically advantageous tender submission. Utilising a proven cost quality-scoring matrix, 60% weighting was allocated to the quality criteria and 40% to price. Following a detailed evaluation of the tender response, a formal presentation and interview, Action for Children clearly demonstrated to the project team their ability to cover all service requirements detailed within the tender specification and scored highly in all categories under the quality criteria. The score for the above mentioned is stated below.

Evaluation Criteria	Company Score
Quality	60
Price	40

4.6 Health and Safety and Insurance documentation have been approved by the relevant departments.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The annual value provided for this contract is £35,000.00, which was approved via the procurement Project Initiation Document by David Pettit (Acting Assistant Director of Children's Services, Social Services) and Stephen Harris (Finance Manager, Social Services).

Action for Children submitted a cost of £35,000.00 per annum within their tender response.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no personnel implications.

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Consultation has taken place and comments and views are reflected within the report

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee note the information contained within the report and actions undertaken by the Head of Procurement and Head of Corporate Finance (S.151 officer).

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Background Papers: File Reference: CCBC/PS583/09/MO
EU Procurement Directives
Standing Orders for Contracts
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