

Officer Key Decision (to be used only for key decisions)

Report Title:	Award of Contract – Care and Support Services for Station View Extra Care Housing
Date of Decision:	8 April 2024
Decision-Maker:	Catherine Whalley –Director – Adult Social Care
Report Author:	Jeremy Farncombe – Commissioning Officer
Cabinet Member:	Patricia Bell – Health and Care Services
Wards Affected?	Barrow in Furness
Public, Part Exempt, Fully Exempt	Public
List of Appendices (if any)	1. Permission to Procure ODDR 2. Equality Impact Assessment

1. Purpose & Executive Summary

- 1.1 The award of contract following a mini-competition call off under the Council's Extra Care Housing Care and Support Framework for the provision of care and support services at Station View in Barrow.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 For the reasons set out in the report it is recommended that the Director gives permission to award a contract for Care and Support services at Station View Extra Care Scheme to Creative Support Limited. The term of the contract is 3 years with 2 optional extensions of 12 months to commence 2 May 2024. The annual value of this contract is £500,800.00 (Total value £2,504,000.00)

3. Background to the Proposal Information:

- 3.1 At Station View, the Council currently commissions a Care and Support provider to deliver access to 24hour care services in order to meet the assessed care needs of the tenants. This Care and Support service is flexible, responsive, and able to provide non-scheduled support to people as they require it. The current Call-Off contract expires on 1 May 2024.
- 3.2 In December 2023, the Director – Adult Social Care authorised the re-procurement of care and support services at Station View under the Extra Care Housing Care and Support Framework.
- 3.3 On 4 January 2024 a mini-competition was advertised to all providers appointed to the Extra Care Housing Framework for the provision of Care and Support Services at Station View. The mini-competition closed on 26th January with bids received from 3 providers.

- 3.4 The Council reserved the right to exclude any bids where the Quality Score achieved was less than 65% of the total score available. The Council set maximum rates for Prices (above which submissions would not be evaluated) in order to ensure that services remained affordable.
- 3.5 Tenders were evaluated by a panel of 3 officers from Commissioning and a representative from Accent Housing who are the scheme Landlord, against the criteria and weightings set out in the tender document. The advertised Award Criteria was based on 70% Quality and 30% Price.
- 3.6 At the Tender deadline, the Council had received bids from 3 Providers which were subsequently evaluated against the advertised award criteria, receiving the following scores-

Bidders	Quality	Price	Total Score
Bidder 1	340/700	289/300	629/1000
Bidder 2	505/700	284/300	789/1000
Creative Support Limited	585/700	289/300	874/1000

4. Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

Based on the evaluation, it is recommended that the contract is awarded to Creative Support Limited as they provided the most economically advantageous bid to the Council for the provision of the service.

- 4.1 There is an identified need for Extra Care Housing Support in Barrow in Furness.

5. Alternative Options Considered

- 5.1 Option to not award. This option is not recommended as the current Care and Support Contract at Station View expires on 1st May 2024.

6. Risk Implications

- 6.1 If the option not to award was taken, this would present a gap in provision for an increasingly aging population in the Barrow in Furness area.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 This contract is fully funded from the existing adult social care operations budget of up to £0.500m and inflationary increases are budgeted for separately. Therefore this permission to award the service will not have an additional budget requirement.

8. Legal & Governance Implications

- 8.1 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives local authorities the power to enter into contracts in order to deliver their functions.
- 8.2 As the value of the contract is above the financial threshold for services, the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCRs) apply. The Extra Care Housing Service Framework was established by Cumbria County Council in 01 August 2019 in compliance with the PCRs. Call off contracts under the PCRs must be procured in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement.
- 8.3 Due to the level of expenditure, the decision to award this call off contract is a Key Decision and the Key Decision and Call-in processes must be followed.
- 8.4 It is a proper decision for the Corporate Director to award the call off contract to Creative Solutions Limited for the provision of Care and Support services at Station View under rule 6.37 of the Contract Procedure Rules (Part 3 – Section 7 of the Council’s Constitution). The Director of Adult Social Care has the power to authorise this award by virtue of paragraph 3.20.10 Part 2 – Section 6 of the Constitution.

9. Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty)

- 9.1 *See EIA - appendix 2*

10. Other Implications Environment & Climate Change/ Social Care & Corporate Parenting Implications Public Health, Health, Safety and well-being Implications

- 10.1 Awarding future Support Contracts in Extra Care Housing increasing the likelihood of individuals having access to stable support and accommodation, providing likely benefits to their emotional and mental wellbeing and their physical health.

11. Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)

- 11.1 This report has been prepared based on the outcomes of the mini-competition and the Westmorland and Furness Council Plan 2023-28.

Leader Cllr Jonathan Brook

Date of agreement 1 March 2024

Details of any registrable interests relevant to the decision: N/A

Details of any dispensation granted: N/A

Lead Cabinet Member Consultation

Name: Patricia Bell – Cabinet Member for Health and Care Services

Date of agreement 29 February 2024

Details of any registrable interests relevant to the decision: N/A

Details of any dispensation granted: N/A

Key Decisions

Notice on Forward Plan: Yes

Rule 15 Notice? No

Rule 16 Approved by the relevant Scrutiny Chair: No

Exempt from call in? No

Decision

Signature on the decision record authorises the implementation (following expiry of the Call in period) of the recommendation/s in Section 2.

Signature of the decision maker



Name Cath Whalley

Title Director of Adult Social Care

Date 8 April 2024

Delegated authority to make the decision: Rule 6.37 Part 3 – Section 7 of the Constitution