

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services

Tendering Committee: 15 November 2006

Subject: Provision of Residential Respite Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Committee's approval for the invitation of tenders for the provision of residential respite services for adults with learning disabilities.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council agreed, in setting the Council Tax for 2006/2007 to provide respite service initially proposed for Marelen House in partnership with other agencies.
- 2.2 The Social Justice Committee agreed on 14 June 2006 to declare Marelen House surplus to requirements and to dispose of Marelen House through sale.
- 2.3 The department now needs to take steps to purchase the required level of respite care as was detailed in the report to the Social Justice Committee on 14 June 2006.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 It is intended that the Social Work department now seek to invite tenders from interested organisations to provide the respite service.
- 3.2 As reported in the 14 June report a site is currently under development by Knowes Housing Association at Dunn Street in Clydebank.
- 3.3 There would appear to be two routes open in tendering for this service:
- An open tender process, or
- A restricted tender process following a call for expressions of interest from providers who can demonstrate required experience and expertise in this field.
- 3.4 The department has taken advice from the Council's procurement team and it has been agreed that the procurement should run through the restricted tender process with the successful tenderer being the provider who submits the most economically advantageous tender.

- 3.5 Finance for this service has been agreed through the budget process and it is anticipated that, in total, the provision of the service will cost around £440,000 per annum at current year prices. By this means we will achieve annual savings of around £100,000 against the previous cost of direct provision by the Council.

4. Personnel Implications

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues at this stage, all employees who previously worked at Marelen have been redeployed into other posts within the Learning Disability Service.

5. Financial Implication

- 5.1 Funding exists for this service provision from the funding released from the closure of Marelen House and the redeployment of employees from Marelen into other posts within the Learning Disability Services.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to approve the next step of seeking service providers through the tender route. A further report will be presented to Committee seeking approval to appoint the successful tenderer in due course.



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Background Papers : Budget Proposals for 2006/2007 agreed at Council meeting of 9 February 2006

Report to Social Justice Committee of 14 June 2006:
Proposed Sale of Marelen House, 57 Drumry Road,
Clydebank

Wards Affected: All