Essex County Council

21st February 2025

By Email.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Invitation to Tender for Supported Living Framework 2025

I am pleased to inform you that Essex County Council has made the provisional decision to accept your tender for the Supported Living Framework 2025.

In accordance with Regulation 87 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 contracting authorities are obliged to introduce a "standstill" period of 10 days between selecting a winning bidder and entering into a binding agreement. The standstill period for this requirement will commence on 21/02/2025 and will finish at midnight at the end of 03/03/2024.

You should also note that this decision is potentially subject to the Council's internal call-in process which can delay the implementation of a decision if a Councillor calls the decision in to a Scrutiny Committee. The call in period ends at 5pm on 26/02/2025.

Assuming the provisional decision remains unaltered as a result of any representations made during the standstill period or the call-in process, it is our intention to enter into a contract for this requirement by 04/03/2025 however this date may change if a call-in process is invoked.

You are strongly advised not to incur any expenses or enter into any binding arrangements until such time as the contract has been executed by both parties. The Authority will not be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with the anticipated contract before execution of the contract.

This letter is sent without prejudice to the right of Essex County Council to abandon the procurement, cancel the award procedure or suspend award of the contract for any reason.

We are also obliged to supply you with the following information:

Award Criteria: As you are aware, the previously published outlined the Award Criteria used for the evaluation of the bids.

Your Total Score: Your total score was 43% (out of 100%). The highest score achieved 80% .

Ranking: As per the procurement documents, your score for the purposes of RAG Rating will be calculated based on your scores for question 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the Mandatory Questions. This will account for 70% of your RAG Rating in year one of the contract, with the remaining

30% being made up based on CQC rating. Final RAG Ratings will be communicated per scheme when calculated.

Name of successful providers: The full list of providers to be awarded a place is included within this letter at Appendix 1

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the time and effort you have dedicated to this tender process, and we look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

Justin Butler
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Essex County Council