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Executive Board Sub Committee

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Chief Executive

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REPORT TO: Executive Board Sub-Committee

DATE: 12th January 2012

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Policy & Resources

PORTFOLIO: Transportation

SUBJECT: Tender for the Provision of:
Commercial Vehicle and Plant Components

WARDS: Borough-Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This is a report for information purposes, to comply with Procurement Standing Order 2.1 due to the anticipated accumulative value of the contract for the supply and management of Commercial Vehicle and Plant Spares & Components projected to be in excess of £1 million.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Members note that a procurement process will be entered into with the purpose of securing the supply and management of Commercial Vehicle and Plant Spares & Components for use in the maintenance and repair of the Council's operational vehicle fleet, plant and equipment.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Fleet Management and Maintenance Section of the Logistics Division is responsible for servicing, repairing and safe operation of a large and diverse range of vehicles, plant, machinery and equipment. These are provided to support the following service areas: Refuse Collection, Street Scene, Open Spaces, Environmental Services, Housing Services, Social Care and Education.

3.2 The existing contract for the supply of Commercial Vehicle Spares and Components will come to an end on the 31st March 2012. The new contract will provide for a greater level of flexibility, as it does not commit the Council to a monopoly arrangement and the Council can, at any time and without penalty, choose to place orders with other suppliers of such works if the chosen contractor cannot meet the Council's requirements in terms of component delivery and price.

3.3 It is proposed that the new contract is for a 3 year period with the potential for up to a 2 year extension subject to satisfactory performance and pricing agreement. The anticipated contract start date is 1st April 2012.

- 3.4** The contract will be awarded to the most economically advantageous tender through assessment of weighted scoring, made up as follows: Overall Price (40%) Quality (25%) Sustainability (10%) and (for short-listed companies only) Supplier Presentation and Panel Questions (25%).
- 3.5** The quality element will take in to consideration submitted plans for the service, Tenderers plans for implementation of the service, Supply Chain Arrangements, Contingency Measures, Compliance with Specification, Performance Measures and Technical Ability.
- 3.6** Scoring on the sustainability element will require evidence from the tenderer on how they intend to deal with environmental issues, recycling arrangements and alternative technologies.
- 3.7** Based on previous expenditure it is anticipated that the annual value of the contract in total is likely to be in the region of £335,000 therefore making the value of a 5 year contract (including potential extensions) in the order of £1,675,000. This figure is above the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) threshold, as such, the contract is subject to European procurement rules and will be tendered accordingly
- 3.8** The cost of the works will be met from existing budgets, this mainly being Fleet Management and Maintenance supplies and services budget; however, other revenue budgets (through departmental recharges) may be used as necessary.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The method of procurement fits with the Council's procurement policy, the tender process being carried out in conjunction with the Procurement Centre of Excellence, using 'The Chest' procurement portal.
- 4.2** The tender procedure has been commenced in compliance with the relevant sections of standing orders, as an EU restricted procedure under the EU Procurement regulations 2006.
- 4.3** The Tender has been advertised via 'The Chest' e-procurement vehicle, and has been subject to publication in the OJEU.
- 4.4** The tender attracted significant initial interest; however, due to the specialist nature of the service, and particularly the diversity of components and spares to be provided, the pre qualification stage of the tender has only identified three Tenderers as demonstrating the necessary competence and financial stability to tender.
- 4.5** Consideration has been given to re-advertising the contract, however, based on the interest expressed in response to the first advert, it is considered that a further advertisement would be unlikely to identify additional competent Tenderers and would risk disruption to any service transition from the current supplier to a replacement.

- 4.6 Despite the lower than expected number of Tenderers, officers are confident that there are sufficient Tenderers to generate the necessary level of competition to ensure the Council will receive competitive offers.
- 4.7 The Authority's solicitors confirm the invitation of only three tenders is still sufficient to comply with the relevant EU and domestic legislation.
- 4.8 The effect of inviting less than five tenders is that under Standing Orders S2.11 (a) the Operational Director Policy, Planning and Transportation will not be empowered to accept any resultant tender, without the authorisation of the Executive Sub-Board.
- 4.9 It is intended, therefore, following the evaluation of tenders, and subject to those tenders proving acceptable, to return with a further report requesting the Board to accept the winning tender under the provisions contained in S2.11 (b) of Standing Orders. It is anticipated that this report will be submitted at the Board's March 2012 meeting.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The above contract will contribute to the continued efficient, safe and reliable vehicle fleet operational requirements by minimising vehicle downtime and aid compliance with the Council's Operators Licence obligations.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None

6.4 A Safer Halton

None

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 Since investments in spare parts can be substantial, it is considered good practice to keep stock levels minimised whilst balancing this against the unavailability of components that can cause unnecessary vehicle downtime.

7.2 The above tender will provide “an imprest parts stock”. This requires the contractor to hold a predetermined stockholding at the Council’s fleet workshop facility, on a non-stock basis. Any respective component only becomes chargeable to HBC once it has been drawn down from the imprest stock and fitted to a fleet item or asset. This alleviates the financial risks to the Council associated with large component stockholdings and at the same time contributes towards vehicle fleet availability and reliability.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 None for the purposes of the Act

REPORT TO: Executive Board Sub Committee

DATE: 12th January 2012

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Children and Enterprise

PORTFOLIO: Children, Young People and Families

SUBJECT: Purchase of U-Explore software licences for re-sale to Schools and providers

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek agreement to enter into a contract without conducting a tender exercise or seeking three written quotations in order to comply with procurement standing order 4.1 and 4.2, which places a requirement on the Council to invite quotations or tender for contracts with a value less than £156,442.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) the Operational Director for Children, Organisation and Provision be authorised to award the contract for 10 U-Explore software licences to the contractor U-Explore Ltd for the sum of £11,000; and**
- (2) in light of the exceptional circumstances namely there being only one possible supplier of the service and in accordance with Procurement SO 1.8.2 Standing Orders 3.1 – 3.7 and 3.9 be waived on this occasion in view of U-Explore being the only supplier of the service and agreement within the Liverpool City Region to collectively implement this software package which will support schools in delivering their new Careers Education, Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) responsibilities under the duties of the Education Act 2011.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 U-Explore is an unique innovative, online teaching and learning resource that is accessible 24/7 by learners, teachers and parents. It will support schools to deliver their new duty to secure access to independent and impartial careers guidance for pupils in years 9-11.
- 3.2 The duty will come into effect from September 2012, however it is

proposed that U-Explore is implemented from January 2012 to support the transition following the end of the current Connexions contract on 31st March 2012.

3.3 U-Explore uses media-rich applications such as video case studies, virtual tours and interactive skills logs to help learners make informed choices and decisions about their future. U-Explore delivers the Careers Education framework through:

- Video overviews of 14 industry sectors
- A Job Bank, which delivers information on hundreds of job roles via video case study interviews and text profiles outlining key duties, required skills and recommended progression paths and qualifications
- Jobcasts, which provide detailed video case studies of interviews with real employees and employers along with actual footage of them performing job role duties and responsibilities
- Interactive 360 virtual tours of real working environments
- Bank of real business profiles
- Team Work explains how departments and employees within real business work as a team

3.4 U-Explore navigator contains a vast bank of careers and employability resources delivered as 4 part lesson plans, accompanying handouts and PowerPoint presentations all downloadable and editable.

3.5 The software is web-based and is therefore accessible from anywhere by learners of all abilities. The system features industry information by sector and there is the potential, as Cheshire and Lancashire have, to tailor information to include local businesses.

3.6 U-Explore is exceptional in that Halton Borough Council will own all the search details and management information and will be able to analyse the jobs and sector areas of interest of young people. This would inform the direction of careers guidance and the planning and commissioning of educational services in the future. Establishments can track cohorts of learners via the system for example potential NEET or borderline C/D grade learners.

3.7 The Local Authorities within the Liverpool City Region are working in partnership with a collective proposal to implement U-Explore across the City Region. This has already brought economies of scale to the price of an annual U-Explore licence which has reduced from £1800 to £1000 and which will, in this first year, be sold onto schools in Halton for £1200.

3.8 As part of the contract Halton Borough Council also proposes that

the Council purchase a Halton Commercial License for U-Explore. This will provide Halton with the opportunity to explore further the potential of U-Explore as an income generator. Gaining the commercial licence would ensure that any provider wanting to use U-Explore in the borough would have to purchase the system through the Borough Council bringing with it the prospect of a future income stream.

3.9 This contract will be subject to issues of confidentiality and be open to scrutiny under the Freedom of Information Act, through the internal and external audit process and through the Policy & Performance Board scrutiny arrangements.

3.10 Integrity clauses will be built into the contract document and only staff with a need to know will have information about the contract.

3.11 This will remain with the Operational Director awarding the contract and the internal and external audit process and through the Policy & Performance Board scrutiny arrangements.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Schools will be responsible for securing access to independent and impartial careers guidance for pupils in years 9 to 11. This new duty will come into force in September 2012. Government will consult on extending this duty down to Year 8 and up to Year 13.

4.2 Government expects that schools will work in partnership with local authorities and external careers guidance providers to ensure that young people are appropriately supported, without the need for legislation. There is also an expectation that schools will work in partnership with local authorities to ensure that vulnerable young people receive the support that they need, and that there will be local arrangements to ensure this partnership.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

n/a

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton
Up-to-date and widely available information on progression routes will assist young people in the borough to make informed decisions on future pathways to learning and employment.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton
See 6.1

6.3 A Healthy Halton
n/a

6.4 A Safer Halton
n/a

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal
n/a

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There are no risks associated with product proprietary.

7.2 If we do not proceed there is a risk, following the end of the Connexions contract on 31st March 2012 that up-to-date careers information may not be consistently available throughout the secondary schools. The licences will help to ensure that a comprehensive package of information and curriculum materials are accessible via the web for practitioners, young people and parents on future opportunities, skills and progression routes.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 The U-Explore product is available to all and not limited to equality and diversity issues.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

	Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
9.1	Lord Hill's letter 17/02/2011	14-19 Team	14-19 Divisional Manager
9.2	Education Bill 15/11/2011	14-19 Team	14-19 Divisional Manager

REPORT TO: Executive Board Sub-Committee

DATE: 12th January 2012

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director for Communities

PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Health and Adults

SUBJECT: Floating Support Services Tender

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Executive Board Sub Committee approval to award a contract to deliver floating support services to Provider A.

2. RECOMMENDED: That in accordance with Standing Order 2.11b, Executive Board Sub Committee authorise the Operational Director Commissioning & Complex Care to enter into a contract with Provider A, who through an open tender process has been assessed as being the most economically advantageous and effective organisation to deliver floating support services. The contract will be awarded for a period of 1 year with the option to extend for 1 year plus 1 year.

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In September 2011 Executive Board Sub-Committee granted authority to the Strategic Director, Communities to carry out all necessary steps in relation to the open tendering and commissioning of floating support services:

- Lot 1 – BME Floating Support Service
- Lot 2 – Generic Floating Support Service
- Lot 3 – Mental Health Floating Support Service
- Lot 4 – Anti Social Behaviour Floating Support Service

3.2 The Floating Support tender opportunity was advertised via Halton's e-procurement system, Due North (The Chest) on 19th October 2011, with a closing date of 11th November 2011.

3.3 Tenders were accepted for individual or multiple lots, and providers were invited to give details of any discounts they would offer if successful in winning more than one lot.

3.4 The following submissions were received:

- Lot 1 – 1 tender
- Lot 2 - 12 tenders
- Lot 3 – 3 tenders
- Lot 4 – 2 tenders

The PQQ and tender documentation were assessed based on 60% price and 40% quality. 6 organisations were invited to presentation stage. Providers were also asked questions about key aspects of service delivery for those lots where they had been successful at tender evaluation stage.

One provider organisation declined to attend the presentation stage.

3.5 Following the presentations, the tender scores were:

Lot 1

Provider A: Tender price £36 375, scoring 93.69%

Lot 2

Provider A: Tender price £315,752, scoring 86.15%

Provider B: Tender price £271,900, scoring 90.99%

Provider C: Tender price £310,000, scoring 82.59%

Provider D: Tender price £330,609, scoring 80.6%

Lot 3

Provider A: Tender price £69,150, scoring 86.91%

Provider E: Tender price £68,680, scoring 85.79%

Lot 4

Provider A: Tender price £37,979, scoring 84.26%

Provider E: Tender price £31,884, scoring 80.22%

3.6 Provider A scored highest for Lots 1, 3 and 4, and although they are not the lowest price for lots 3 and 4 are offering the most economically advantageous tender as they are able to support more service users for each service.

3.7 For Lot 2, it is proposed to award the contract to Provider A based on the following considerations:

1. Provider A has offered a discount against Lot 2 if they are successful in winning multiple Lots, reducing the tender price to £306,329 and giving Provider A a revised score of 87.74% for this Lot.
2. The award of all four Lots to Provider A will reduce the administrative burden for Halton Borough Council with the issue of a single contract for all Lots to be issued and monitored, and a reduction in the number of payments to be made on an ongoing basis.
3. Provider A will support a minimum of an additional 10 service users at any one time, delivering an additional 93 hours per week.
4. At presentation stage, Provider A gave a commitment to the delivery of sustainable financial benefits for Halton, to be achieved through reduced management and back office running costs and the closure of one existing office base.
5. Provider A has indicated they will bring considerable added value to this service by utilising additional existing resources within their organisation, including:

- Neighbourhood Engagement Team
- Youth Engagement Team
- Health & Well Being Officer
- Tenancy Sustainment Team
- Halton Neighbourhood Team
- Financial Inclusion Team
- Communications Team
- Learning and Development Team
- BME Community Development Team
- Mental Health Advocacy Service
- Engagement Team

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The contract is awarded in line with Halton Borough Council's Procurement Policy and the floating support services support Halton's Community and Homelessness Strategies.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The tender price submitted by Provider A for each lot is within the indicative budget set for each service and the following table indicates the annual efficiencies to be achieved:

Service	Current Contract Value	Indicative Budget	Tender Price	Efficiencies
Lot 1 – BME	£39,388	£37,500	£36,375	£3,013
Lot 2 – Generic	£362,288	£344,200	£306,329	£55,959
Lot 3 – Mental Health	£72,773	£69,150	£69,150	£3,623
Lot 4 – ASB	£41,180	£39,150	£37,976	£3,204
Total (per annum)	£515,629	£490,000	£449,830	£65,799
Total (over 3 years)			£1,349,490	£197,397

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

Floating Support services enable people to maintain their accommodation and provide a stable home environment for children and young people for whom they are responsible.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Floating support services will empower service users to access training and work opportunities.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Floating support services promote health and well being of the people using their services.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Floating support services provide support to minimise the risk of harm across all client groups, including offenders, people with substance misuse problems and perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Financial risk is minimised by awarding the contract within confirmed budgets.

7.2 As part of the procurement process, Halton Borough Council has carried out a financial assessment on Provider A, and has confirmed that they are a financially viable organisation.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 Provider A will be required to demonstrate that they embrace and comply with the Equality Act, and their services will be monitored to ensure this is the case.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 None.

REPORT TO: Executive Board Sub-Committee

DATE: 12th January 2012

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director for Communities

PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Health and Adults

SUBJECT: Domestic Abuse Service Tender

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Executive Board Sub Committee of the outcome of the tender process carried out to secure the provision of a domestic abuse service in Halton.
- 1.2 To seek authority to extend the Halton & District Women's Aid Refuge Accommodation Contract until 31st March 2013. Current contracting arrangements expire on 31st March 2012.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) **in the exceptional circumstances set out below (namely the termination of the Domestic Abuse tender) for the purpose of Procurement Standing Order 1.8.2, procurement Standing Orders 3.1 to 3.7 be waived on this occasion because compliance with these Standing Orders is not practicable following the termination of the tender process due to lack of competition. It is requested the existing Supporting People contract be extended to March 2013 subject to variation as agreed by the Operational Director Commissioning & Complex Care at an estimated price of £231,542; and**
- 2) **the Strategic Director, Communities, in conjunction with the portfolio holder for Health, be authorised to take such action as necessary to implement the above recommendation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 In September 2011 Executive Board Sub-Committee granted authority to the Strategic Director, Communities to carry out all necessary steps in relation to the open tender process for provision of a Domestic Abuse service. This tender opportunity would rationalise the services currently delivered under the Refuge Accommodation and Domestic Abuse contracts.
- 3.2 The tender opportunity was advertised via Halton's e-procurement system, Due North (The Chest) on 17th October 2011, with a closing date of 10th November 2011.
- 3.3 33 organisations registered an interest online for the Domestic Abuse tender

opportunity, but only 2 submissions were received at 10th November 2011.

- 3.4 Of the 2 submissions received, only one organisation had submitted a tender and one organisation was declining to tender. The completed tender was received from the existing support provider, Halton & District Women's Aid.
- 3.5 The Pre Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) was evaluated, and Halton & District Women's Aid passed the PQQ evaluation and proceeded to tender evaluation stage.
- 3.6 However, it was agreed to terminate the tender process due to lack of competition. A number of actions were agreed to be completed prior to the re-tender of this service, and include:
 - Benchmarking of costs to ensure a competitive indicative budget has been set for the service
 - Options paper to be prepared to identify alternative funding which may be secured from partner agencies
 - Consideration to be given to alternative service delivery models, and proposals for the development and implementation within Halton, including cost implications
 - Feedback to be obtained from the organisations who registered an interest but did not tender
- 3.7 The current Domestic Abuse Support Service contract has the option to extend for a further 12 months.
- 3.8 To align the existing Refuge Accommodation service with the Domestic Abuse Support Service, a further extension is sought ensure continuity of service provision and to give the opportunity to explore alternative models of service delivery prior to commencement of a further procurement exercise.
- 3.9 It is proposed to extend the existing service arrangements until 31st March 2013 to enable service commissioners to review service delivery and give consideration to alternative methods of service delivery.

It is also proposed that the contract extension is offered at the reduced contract price proposed within the recent tender.

4.0 Business case Supporting the Proposal to Waive

4.1 Value for Money & Competition

During 2010/11 90 service users were supported in the Women's Aid Refuge, and it is important to ensure there is continuity of supported accommodation provision available for victims of Domestic Abuse within Halton.

By extending the Refuge Accommodation contract in line with the extension available within the Domestic Abuse service will align the two services prior to the rationalisation within a holistic Domestic Abuse service as this will ensure a

value for money service is commissioned during the re-tender exercise.

The Refuge Accommodation and Domestic Abuse Support services are delivered by the same support provider. The Domestic Abuse Support service office base is within the Refuge and therefore there would be an impact on the delivery of that service if the Refuge provision is not available.

4.2 Transparency

In order to ensure transparency, the service will continue to be closely monitored by Halton Borough Council against set standards within the existing contract specification.

4.3 Propriety & Security

The contract complies with Halton Borough Council's Standing Orders in relation to procurement. The contract is liable to termination if any instances of corruption by this organisation or its staff members occur ensuring compliance with anti corruption practices.

Additionally if the service fails to meet the performance standards and targets set to the satisfaction of the Council, then the Council will have the option to terminate the contract, giving 3 months notice.

4.4 Accountability

The Operational Director for Commissioning & Complex Care has responsibility for this contract.

All Domestic Abuse services in Halton are currently subject to scrutiny by the Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board and the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

In common with other contracts this process will be open to both internal and external audit.

4.5 Position of the contract under the Public Contracts Regulations 2006

Under the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 Health and Social Services are a part-exempt service. It is in any event subject to fundamental transparency and non-distortion of competition requirements and the award of any contract must be advertised in the Official Journal within 42 days of the award of the contract.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Refuge Accommodation and Domestic Abuse Support service supports Halton's Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2011-14.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The following table gives details of the financial implications of continuing to deliver the services to 31st March 2013:

Scheme	Current Annual Cost	Indicative Tender Budget	Tenderer	Tender Price	Difference to Current Cost
Refuge	£141,998	£249,500	Halton & District Women's Aid	£231,542	-£38,037
Domestic Abuse Service	£127,581				

- 6.2 As Halton & District Women's Aid have submitted a reduced price in their tender submission, it is recommended that the contract extension is offered the reduced contract price set out above.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

7.1 Children & Young People in Halton

The Domestic Abuse services provide a safe environment for children and young people where they are supported and protected from abuse and neglect. The Domestic Abuse Support service also enables children and young people to remain in their home and continue to access and maintain existing schools, health services and support networks.

7.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None identified.

7.3 A Healthy Halton

The Domestic Abuse services reduce the risks of harm for service users and improve their physical and mental health and well being.

7.4 A Safer Halton

The Domestic Abuse services support victims to minimise the risk of harm from perpetrators. The Sanctuary element of the Domestic Abuse Support service provides target hardening of properties to enable service users to remain safely within their own homes.

7.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 8.1 Financial risk is minimised as the service will be delivered within existing

budgets.

- 8.2 As part of the procurement process, Halton Borough Council has carried out a financial assessment on Halton & District Women's Aid, and have confirmed that they are a financially viable organisation

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 9.1 Halton & District Women's Aid will be required to demonstrate that they embrace and comply with the Equality Act, and their services will be monitored to ensure this is the case.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- 10.1 None.

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