

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 25 AUGUST 2014

REPORT ON: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PROCUREMENT OF EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES PROCESS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 285-2014

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present the recommendations of the Dundee Partnership Employability Assessment Group following the recent retendering of two employability contracts and to seek approval to award contracts now confirmation of funds has been received and implement further action as detailed below.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the recommendations of the Dundee Partnership Employability Assessment Group and remits officers to let the contracts.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The new contracts are due to commence operation on 1 September 2014, subject to committee approval. Notification of outcome is scheduled for week commencing Monday 14 July 2014. Contract award date will be 10 days after the date of notification, allowing for the required standstill period.

3.2 Tenders were advertised as being subject to the availability of funding. Funding will come from both Dundee City Council and European Structural Funds. Confirmation of European Structural Funding was received from the Scottish Government on 19 May 2014.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 Committee approval was received on 13 January 2014 (Report 9-2014) remitting officers to take forward the procurement of future employability services. 9 contracts for the provision of employability activities in the Dundee Employability Pipeline were advertised on the Public Contracts Scotland advertising portal on 31 January 2014. Committee approval was received on 9 June to award 7 of the 9 contracts and 2 were retendered..

4.2 The recommendations following the conclusion of this exercise are as follows:

	Contract Name	Bids Received	Recommendation
Contract 2	Case Management for Young People	2	Award to Claverhouse

The remaining tender contract 4, Case and Condition Management for People with Health Problems is still under evaluation.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. An Equality Impact Assessment was previously submitted with Report 9-2014.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.
- 6.2 The Dundee Partnership Employability Assessment Group comprises representation from the Department for Work and Pensions, the Third Sector Interface (representatives of the Voluntary and Social Enterprise Sectors) and Skills Development Scotland, who co-assessed the bids and agreed the recommendations contained within this report with the relevant Dundee City Council Officers from the Corporate Services Division of the Chief Executive Department, Integrated Childrens' Services Division of the Social Work Department and Policy and Funding Division of the City Development Department.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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In view of the timescales involved this report was approved by the Director of City Development in consultation with the Convener of the Policy & Resources Committee, Labour Group spokesperson, Conservative member, Liberal Democrat member and the Independent member.

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