**Transitional Supported Housing Expression of Interest**

**Housing related support, with accommodation.**

1. The Council will be looking to procure housing related support services, from experienced and suitably qualified registered providers, with accommodation.
2. All accommodation will be based within Southend-on-Sea.
3. Providers must be able to deliver housing related support services and appropriate accommodation to each of the following vulnerable groups in order that they develop the necessary skills to maintain a tenancy once they moved on from their placement:

* Adults impacted by mental ill health.
* Ex-offenders and those at risk of offending.
* Young people.
* Young people and young parents 16 – 25 years.

1. Even though providers must be able to deliver housing related support services for specific cohorts, with accommodation, as now, potential providers must also recognise that young people and adults are increasingly complex and presenting with multiple needs and providers will need to deliver support services that recognise this.
2. Multiple needs in this context describes those who present with any combination of the following needs:

* Substance misuse and addiction (including alcohol, legal and illegal substances).
* Mental ill health with and without a diagnosed condition.
* Offending behaviours.
* Abuse, trauma, and self-harm.
* Chronic ill health.
* Challenging behaviours.
* Autism.
* Repeated homelessness (including rough sleeping).

1. The core principles of our future provision of Transitional Supported Housing for Adults and Young People with Multiple Needs will embed recognised aspects of best practice in this field of provision for those impacted by physical, mental, and social problems.
2. Consequently, providers must be experienced in, or willing to deliver services within, Psychologically Informed Environments (PIEs). Definitions of PIEs are intentionally non-specific to allow for flexibility and innovation to emerge, however broadly speaking this mode of service provision relates to any setting with a coherent psychological framework that holds trauma and mental health and wellbeing at the centre of its understanding and interventions.
3. Potential providers will be able deliver contracted services for each of, or all the lots indicated and the response to the expression of interest must clearly identify which of the 4 contracts a provider is interested in delivering a service for.
4. The duration of each contract will be for a total of 3 years. (2 years + 1 year) from the inception of the contract/s.
5. It is important that any provider that is interested in providing an expression of interest for these services will have access to accommodation by the inception of each contract. Each service contract is proposed to start no earlier than the 1 June 2022.
6. Existing accommodation provision across the Transitional Supported Housing pathway currently consists of a combination of:

* Single flats / bedsits with shared facilities and communal areas.
* Shared flats with shared facilities and communal areas.
* Hostel: rooms with single and shared facilities.
* Single flats / bedsits with own facilities.
* Houses of multiple occupation.
* Or other shared and/or self-contained supported housing

1. The following minimum accommodation standards shall apply:

* Relevant accommodation should meet the national statement of expectations for supported housing.
* At the start of the tenancy, accommodation must be fully furnished and equipped, and no person shall share a bedroom.
* Providers must carry out their own Health & Safety self-inspections of each property a minimum of quarterly, and prior to any new tenant moving in.
* Providers must ensure that repairs and maintenance of the property are undertaken promptly and paid for.
* Providers will comply with all national legislation and Health and Safety Standards compliance requirements. All properties shall have external CCTV.

1. Any provider expressing an interest in delivering these services must be able to provide the minimum units of accommodation, and the allocated number of housing related support hours – per week that is detailed in the **Table 1.**
2. Prospective providers, which can include providers in consortia arrangements, cannot part-bid for any of the prospective service contracts detailed, but must be able to deliver the total number of units of accommodation, and the total number of support hours that are indicated in each of the cohort / service arrears detailed in **Table 1.**

**Table 1: Cohort / Units of Accommodation Required / Support Hours Per Week Required / Budget.**

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| **Cohort / Service Contract** | **Description** | **Support Levels** | **Units / People** | **Support Hours Delivered Per Week** | **Allocated Yearly Contract**  **Fixed Price** |
| Ex-offenders  18+ years | Accommodation-based housing support for adult ex-offenders. | Medium  High | 15 | 101 | £95,811 |
| Mental Health  18+ Years | Supported housing for adults impacted by mental ill health. | Medium  High | 49 | 446 | £285,930 |
| Young People  16 - 25 years | Short term supported accommodation for local young people with support needs. | Medium  High | 39 | 141 | £138,853 |
| Young People  Young Parents  16 - 25 years | Short term supported accommodation for local young people with support needs. | Medium  High | 47 | 255 | £255,114 |
|  |  |  | **150** | **943** | **£775,708** |

1. In evaluating responses from prospective providers, you must be able to confirm all accommodation options, and identify the types of support you can deliver from the specific accommodation options available, for example:

* 24-hour staffed support.
* Day time / onsite related support.
* Night-time supervision.
* Concierge services.
* Visiting floating support.

1. The following units of accommodation, detailed in **Table 2** may be able to be leased, with negotiation, from the existing Landlord.

**Table 2: Units of Accommodation where there may be the potential to lease accommodation from the current Landlord**.

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| **Contracted Service** | **Scheme** | **Total Unit Capacity** | **Number of Units Funded** | **Postcode** | **Property may be let** |
| Young People and Young Parents  16 – 25 years | Unit 1 | 9 | 9 | SS3 9UT | Direct negotiation between landlord and provider |
| Unit 2 | 14 | 14 | SS1 2GD | Direct negotiation between landlord and provider |
| Unit 3 | 14 | 14 | SS1 2NF | Direct negotiation between landlord and provider |
| Unit 4  Young  Parents | 10 | 10 | SS0 9AF | Direct negotiation between landlord and provider |

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| **Contracted Service** | **Scheme** | **Total Unit Capacity** | **Number of Units Funded** | **Postcode** | **Properties may be let** |
| Mental Health | Unit 1 | 33 | 33 | SS2 5PF | Direct negotiation between landlord and provider |

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| **Contracted Service** | **Scheme** | **Total Unit Capacity** | **Number of Units Funded** | **Postcode** | **Properties may be let** |
| Ex Offender | Unit 1 | 5 | 5 | SS2 5JG | Direct negotiation between landlord and provider |

1. Prospective providers must have extensive experience of dealing with the full range of Excluded Licenses, Assured Shorthold Tenancies, Licence Agreements.
2. TUPE will apply and indicative TUPE information is detailed in **Table 3**.

**Table 3: TUPE Information**

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| **Cohort** | Indicative  Number of TUPE Staff | Indicative  Budget Allocation |
| Ex-offenders 18+ years | 6 | £88,000 |
| Mental Health 18+ Years | 10 | £223,857 |
| Young People 16 – 25 Years | 3 | £49,014 |
| Young People and Young Parents 16 - 25 years | 29 | £310,837.20 |

1. Providers should note that other cohort specific supported accommodation options, for example Learning Disabilities and Domestic Abuse, will be reviewed and procured separately.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council are gauging market interest in this service. The maximum total value is £775,708 per annum and there are likely to be TUPE transfers.

If you are interested in this potential opportunity, please complete the short questionnaire below and e-mail your response to [adultcommissioning@southend.gov.uk](mailto:adultcommissioning@southend.gov.uk) quoting TSH/2021 by 6th December 2021.

If there is interest, an Open Tender procedure may be adopted.

If there is no interest expressed or request to participate in a Lot, the Council will use regulation 32 of the PCR (2015) to award a contract to the current provider of that Lot for a maximum of 3 years.

The response provided in relation to this Questionnaire is to be used solely for the purpose of market engagement consultation.

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| Your Organisation: | Name of Organisation:    Address:  Email: |
| Please describe the nature of your organisation  (In no more than 300 words). |  |
| Please indicate which Lot(s) your organisation is expressing an interest in. | Ex-offenders 18+ Years  Mental Health 18+ Years    Young People 16-25 Years  Young People and Young parents 16-25 Years |
| Please indicate that your organisation will have access to the required accommodation for the Lot(s) by the contract start date. | Yes  No |
| Please indicate that your organisation will be able to deliver the support hours as mentioned above. | Yes  No |
| To ensure that the Council has engaged fully with Providers two online virtual  Market Information Events are planned for the 23rd November 2021 3.p.m. – 5.p.m. and 25th November 10.30.a.m. – 12.30.p.m.  Please note that these are the same event just on different days to accommodate attendance by interested Providers.  Each event will give an opportunity for Providers to share their knowledge and insight, along with asking questions about the future service.  If you are interested in attending the Market Information Event, it is essential that you please confirm your interest by emailing  [AdultCommissioning@Southend.gov.uk](mailto:AdultCommissioning@Southend.gov.uk) before 23rd November 2021. | |